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# From the Region 10 Board Member

## Ripley – Believe It or Not

As your Director from Region 10, I attend two AHS Board Meetings each year. Each meeting has an agenda book consisting of reports from all of the staff and committee chairs. At this year's summer meeting, one report really jumped out at me. It was the report from Nan Ripley who is the Director from Region 1 and chairs the Educational Outreach Committee.

Nan lives in Ames, Iowa which is also the home of Iowa State University. This year she invited the ISU Horticulture Department to her garden to learn about daylilies and daylily hybridizing. What a fantastic way to attract young people who are already interested in horticulture. Also, Nan invited the Ames Master Gardener Club to her garden. Master Gardeners exist in almost every county, and are people who are so passionate about gardening that they have taken a 15 week class on various aspects of gardening taught by extension agents and professors. They are the perfect target for potential new daylily club members.

Nan Ripley has gone above and beyond in getting new people interested in daylilies, and in getting new members for AHS. But many of us could and should be doing the same sorts of things to attract new members to our local



daylily clubs and to AHS. Don't all of our clubs need good new members? All of us need to make the effort to get people to our gardens during bloom season, and then gently twist their arms to come to a daylily club meeting.

Other news from the 2013 AHS Convention in Minneapolis –

- Congratulations to Stephen Smith of Guthrie, Kentucky on winning the Bertie Ferris Youth Scholarship. Details of AHS scholarships can be found on the AHS website - <http://www.daylilies.org/AHSPersonal.html>
- Congratulations to shutterbug Susan Okrasinski of Kingsport, Tennessee for winning the Multi-Bloom Image Award, which is one of the highly competitive AHS photography awards - <http://www.daylilies.org/AHSPhotography.html>.
- And a HUGE congratulations to Chris and

Bill Schardein for winning the AHS Regional Service Award for Region 10. All of us have benefited tremendously from their dedicated service to Region 10 over the years.

Lastly, thanks and congratulations for a job well done to Tri-Cities Daylily Society for the wonderful Region 10 Meeting this year in the Kingsport area. The weather was gorgeous, the gardens beautiful, the food delicious, the facilities marvelous, and the people wonderful.

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Three Years.....	83.00
Youth.....	10.00
Sustaining.....	65.00
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Dual Life.....	750.00

# From the Regional President

Welcome to our Fall/Winter edition of the Daylily Appeal. It's hard to believe, but the summer is already over and the Region 10 Summer meeting is now just a pleasant memory for those who went. I want to give a special thanks to the Tri Cities Club for hosting and planning a wonderful meeting in Kingsport, TN. I believe everyone left exclaiming how smoothly everything ran and how beautiful the gardens were. Those garden write-ups are included in this edition of the Daylily Appeal. I think I would be remiss if I did not mention that Region 10 has lost several long-time and valuable members over the last few months, one of whom was Pearline Malone who hosted a tour garden at this summer's Region 10 meeting. Region 10 so appreciates all those who commit to host a tour garden and only if you have hosted a garden do you truly understand the work of love that goes into a garden's preparation for the tour. Thank you, Pearline.

I hope everyone enjoys this edition of the Daylily Appeal. I want to thank our newsletter committee, Jack Alexander, Susan Okrasinski and Sandra Merritt for their hard work on the Appeal. It's not an easy task and easily consumes many hours of their time. And last but not least, I want to thank all the Region 10 members who regularly contribute articles and pictures to the Appeal. Without your support, the Appeal would certainly not be nearly as interesting.

Everyone should review the results of our Popularity Poll for Region 10 included in this edition as posted by Susan Okrasinski, our Region 10 Publicity Director. Voting in this poll is always important since it tells others which cultivars do exceptionally well in Region 10 and are member favorites. Often you cannot go wrong adding cultivars from the Popularity Poll to your garden. Our participation in the poll dropped to 22% this year which is alarming to me. This translates to the fact that approximately only 85 out of 400 got to choose the most popular cultivars for our region this year. I continue to encourage everyone to vote in the Popularity Poll. It's on line and takes only a few minutes. I know that I have already added several new names to my Wish List.

Don't forget to access our Region 10 Membership Portal for current news for Region 10. We now archive all current and previous newsletters as well as other Region 10 news. I'm also in the process of creating tabs for archived treasurer's reports and Board Meeting minutes and hope

that the Portal will be able to serve as a source of Region 10 history going forward.

I'm particularly excited this year about the upcoming Mid-Winter Symposium in Nashville, Tennessee on February 7-9, 2014. David Kirchhoff and Lee Pickles as co-chairs of the event started assembling our speakers early in the summer this year and have put together



what I consider one of the most exciting and interesting programs that we have had in several years. Each year our goal is to have not only an array of daylily hybridizers but also speakers on general gardening topics. One such topic this year happens to be on daffodils and will be presented by Becky Matthews, the president of the National Daffodil Society. I know that many of us incorporate daffodil bulbs into our perennial beds with our daylilies and should find this presentation especially informative and helpful. I heard Becky speak earlier in the year and can vouch for her enthusiasm. I know I have added to my daffodil collection since hearing her speak. The

big news this year is the fact that we have moved the MWS date to February instead of the usual January timeframe. We believe this will allow more people to attend, and in fact, we had our first registration in October.

Many of you know that I was guilty of very poor planning this year and had heart surgery just prior to the Summer Regional Meeting despite the pleadings to my physician that I was much too busy to have surgery until the fall. I appreciate the giant get-well card that was signed by many of you who attended the regional meeting and enjoyed the comments. And for the person (you know who you are) who wrote that I was probably home hybridizing, I will admit to nothing. I can say that the instructors in my cardiac rehab class got very tired this summer of hearing me complain each week that I REALLY needed to be home weeding my garden and not wasting my time doing light activities such as walking on a treadmill. Only true gardeners will understand that statement! I hope to see everyone at the Mid-Winter and hope you enjoy this edition of The Daylily Appeal.

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## **The Nationals are coming! The Nationals are coming!**

**The Daylily Society of Louisville and the Louisville Area Daylily Society have teamed up and were selected by AHS to host the 2016 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky June 29 – July 2, 2016. We all know from hosting regional meetings that this is a big undertaking**

**and they will need lots of support from all of Region 10 to make this event a great success. So make plans now to attend and go ahead and volunteer to help out when they need you. Congratulations to DSL and LADS!**

# From the Regional Publicity Director

HEAR YE, HEAR YE! The results of our 2013 Region 10 Popularity Poll are in! I would like to extend a hearty THANK YOU to those of you who sent your ballots in. Twenty two percent of our region 10 membership cast their votes and the top 21 favorites (due to many ties) are listed below. The full list of all 221 daylilies that received votes can be found on the AHS website. The website is [www.daylilies.org](http://www.daylilies.org). When the main site loads, just click on the Popularity Poll: Results (not Ballot) tab on the left and then scroll down to Region 10. Directly above the picture of Primal Scream is the link to the full results for Region 10. The Popularity Poll winners are:

Primal Scream	30
Red Volunteer	25
Webster's Pink Wonder	22
Big Kiss	20
Autumn Wood	18
Bela Lugosi	18
Julie Newmar	16
Peggy Jeffcoat	15
Bass Gibson	14
Lavender Blue Baby	14
Stolen Treasure	14
All American Chief	13
Beautiful Edgings	13
Orange Velvet	13
Ashton's Giggles	12
Barbara Mitchell	12
Indian Ripple	12
Moonlit Masquerade	12
Ruby Spider	12
Skinwalker	12
Victorian Lace	12

I think we can all agree that this has been an amazing summer for gardening. I don't remember ever having such wonderful growing conditions. Between the ample rains and cooler than normal June and July temperatures, working in our daylily gardens has been even more delightful than in past years. And while we are on the topic of "summer delights", I would like to thank everyone who joined us in Kingsport this summer for the Region 10 tour and convention. We SO enjoyed hosting and meeting all of you, and hated to see you leave. And a special thank you to everyone who donated auction plants. Because of your generosity, we are able to generate enough funding to continue publication of our award winning Appeal for another year.

Now that autumn has arrived, it is time to get excited about the next Mid-Winter Symposium. This will be held at the Hotel Preston in Nashville February 7-9 2014. If you haven't attended a winter meeting before, you may not realize that the hybridizers and commercial sellers, who are

usually too busy to attend the summer meetings, FLOCK to the winter meetings! The Mid-Winter Symposium is one



of the oldest and best of these. So if a weekend spent meeting and mingling with the stars of the daylily world sounds good to you, please do join us! You will see old friends, make new ones, and learn a TON from the speakers. And club members make note... there is no better place to find good speakers for your club meetings than at the Mid-Winter Symposium.

And finally, I would like to wish all of you a healthy, happy and safe winter. While you are inside dreaming about next year's garden, consider writing something for The Appeal. We

would love to hear about your garden, your questions, garden visits that have left a big impression, or anything you think is interesting. I'm sure we will think so too!

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## Call For Auction Plants Mid-Winter Symposium February 7-9, 2014

Plants with internet or catalog value of \$50.00 or more are needed for the Mid-Winter Symposium plant auctions 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](#).

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Individuals, clubs, and hybridizers - all donations are welcome and needed.!

# A Search for Historic Daylilies - Combing the Catacombs

By Debbie Monbeck – Frankfort, Kentucky

In early March 2013, AHS President Julie Covington asked me to chair a committee to find photos of historic daylilies absent from the AHS Online Database. I agreed, telling Julie that I wished to stay in the background. So much for that! Although the primary purpose is to add images of historic daylilies to the database, we also are processing images of daylilies from deceased hybridizers.

The folks on the committee are looking for photos of historic daylilies that are missing from the database. Prior to sending an image to the registrar, in order to insure the accuracy of the images, the committee shares, reviews and verifies each image being submitted. Any cultivar registered prior to 1980 is considered to be historic.

The current committee members are: Linda Sue Barnes, NC; Bryce Farnsworth, ND; John Ware, VA; Gil Stelter, ONT; Lavere Webster, MI; Clayton Burkey, PA; and Mark Cook, FL.

Our spreadsheet lists each cultivar and records the

response of each committee member. Three committee members need to verify the accuracy of a photo before it is sent to Kevin Walek, the AHS Registrar.

My first call was to Gilbert Wild & Son nursery. Wild has 1,972 registrations and most are without photos. The senior manager at Wilds, Greg Jones, was very helpful and he sent me an external hard drive containing thousands of photos. Some were duplicates and too small, or from other hybridizers' cultivars. Kevin graciously offered to go through the hard drive for us, adding 900 photos to the database! The committee has provided over 1200 photos to add to the AHS database.

We need everyone's help with what initially seemed to be a daunting task. Primarily, we are soliciting photos of historic cultivars. Please help us even more! Please check and see if a photo is already on the AHS database and if there is no photo, please send

your photo to me.

Any help is appreciated and I look forward to hearing from you very soon.

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*Debbie Monbeck Photographing Daylilies*



*H. 'Taj Mahal' (Russell, 1945)*  
(Photo by Ed Smith)



*H. 'Bagdad' (Stout, 1951)*  
(Photo by Ed Smith)



*H. 'Party Array' (Branch., 1956)*  
(Photo by Will Coltharp)

## 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:

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The Twenty-Fourth Presentation of the AHS Region 10  
**Mid Winter Symposium**  
 February 7 - 9, 2014  
 Hotel Preston - Nashville, TN

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2014**

- 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  
 3:00 pm Myrtle Beach at the MWS  
 Jay Turman, Moderator - Tennessee  
 All hybridizer's are invited and encouraged to bring Power Point presentations highlighting their 2014 introductions and futures.  
 5:00 pm Build Your Own Sandwich Buffet  
 Included  
 6:15 pm Welcome to Region 10 and the MWS  
 Will "Bud" Coltharp - TN - Regional President  
 6:30 pm Myrtle Beach at the MWS (continued)  
 8:00 pm Hybridizing Images: Introductions/seedlings for those that could not attend  
 Jay Turman  
 If you can't attend the meeting, send your introductions (no limit) and futures (limit 7) to Brenda Macy, 109 West Poplar St., Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Email daylily1@windstream.net. Deadline: January 15, 2014  
 8:30 pm Daylily Auction  
 9:30 pm Hospitality

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2014**

- 8:30 am The Music City Garden  
 Troy Marden - Tennessee  
 9:15 am Old School  
 Dan Hansen - Florida  
 10:00 am Stretch Break  
 10:30 am Doggone Daylilies  
 Melanie Mason - New York  
 11:15 am Beneficial Insects  
 Dr. Frank A. Hale - Professor, U. of Tennessee  
**Noon LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**  
 1:30 pm My twelve years with double and triple edges  
 Tommy Maddox - Mississippi  
 2:15 pm Daffodils - Different Class Divisions and Cultivations  
 Becky Fox Matthews - Tennessee  
 President, American Daffodil Society  
 3:00 pm Stretch Break  
 3:30 pm Breeding for Green and the Oz and Cupcake Daylilies  
 Tim Herrington -Georgia  
 4:15 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, FEBRUARY 9, 2014**

- 8:30 am Invitation to Attend the 2014 National Convention in North Carolina

- 8:45 am Invitation to Attend the 2014 Region 10 Meeting  
 David Kirchhoff - Kentucky  
 9:00 am Which Way's North  
 Melanie Mason - New York  
 9:45 am The Gossard/Kinnebrew Connection  
 Jamie Gossard - Ohio  
 10:30 am Stretch Break  
 11:00 am The Teeth Have It  
 Joel Thomas Polston - Ohio  
 12:00 pm Adjourn

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 \$93.00 single/double (plus tax)  
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 Be sure to mention American Daylily Society for hotel discount.

**Registration Form  
 Twenty-Fourth Annual Mid-Winter Symposium  
 February 7 - 9, 2014**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please list name(s) as you would like them on your name tag.  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email \_\_\_\_\_

(Names of others included in fee)

**FEE - \$120.00 per person - Youth Member \$90.00**  
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\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

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 (Maximum futures 7 per person - 2014 Introductions - all)

# “Gather at the Meadow”

## The Region 10 Summer Meeting & Garden Tour Reports

### OVERVIEW OF THE GARDENS

By Nancy Ligon, Goodlettsville, TN

I like to travel, so regional meetings and AHS national meetings help satisfy my interest in other parts of this world. I may already know what many of the day-



*H. ‘Judge Nancy’ (Hansen-D., 2005)  
(Photo by Susan Okrasinski)*

lilies will look like but I don’t know the presentation through the eyes of the gardeners that lovingly tend these gardens. I had never visited Kingsport until the regional meeting. The Hotel and grounds were very pretty and made me wish to stay longer.

The Marshalls’ garden had a variety of features and I first stopped by a huge banana plant. Dennis told us that it has grown in that spot for a number of years and multiplies fast. I inquired about the maple trees and it seems that these are red maples that have to be kept small due to close proximity to the street and are clipped frequently. There were new grape vines that will produce grapes for Dennis’ wine making hobby in five years. He donated two bottles of blackberry wine for the silent auction,

The Banner’s Daylily Farm had a lot of daylilies. I found interesting fish planters located in the front of the garden made from painted bricks. The gazebo in

the middle of the garden was a comfortable viewing spot for the garden and provided welcome shade from the sun. It doesn’t get any better than looking at daylilies from the shade!

I had been trying to get to Blue Ridge Daylily Garden since Bob Selman spoke at Mid-Winter Symposium a few years ago. My goodness, what a treat! Conifers are one of my favorite garden plants and he has many mixed with the tropical plants. A creek meanders through the garden where these plants are grown to perfection. There were two acres of daylilies. I plan to attend the National AHS Convention next summer so that I can go to this garden again.

Pearline Malone’s garden had asiatic lilies that were very bright and beautiful so early that morning. It was cool and the daylilies were still opening. *Hemerocallis* ‘Judge Nancy’ was open though. I noticed that the lawn grass was very different. Pearline said it is creeping fescue. The blades are so very fine that the appearance is not like just any lawn.

I encourage everyone to visit other gardens. Travel is fun and you never know what wonderful things you might discover.

### THE MARSHALLS’ GARDEN

By Dottie Greene, Knoxville, TN

This is really my kind of place, because it is not just a collection of daylilies. Sure, there were probably 500 clumps, but there were always very nice specimens of other varieties in close proximity. It also helped that



*Garden Host Dennis Marshall  
(photo by Maurice Greene)*

the daylilies were rarely planted in rows, but were in groups of clumps that were tastefully given plenty of space between them.

One of the nice daylilies that I saw was *H. ‘Martha Hale’* which was the winner of the Best Clump by a Region 10 Hybridizer at the first regional held in Kingsport several years

ago. *h.* ‘Moroccan Madness’, the winner of this year’s prize for the same award, was right here in this garden. Some other cultivars that impressed me were *h.* ‘Pep-



*Handpainted Mural at the Marshall Garden (Photo by Maurice Greene)*

permint Kisses’, *h.* ‘Carnival in Mexico’, and *h.* ‘Spray Paint Pansy’.

Now let’s talk about some of those non-daylily plants that I liked. One of the most impressive to me was the banana plant (really 6-12 plants) up at the top of the driveway. I talked with Earika about these and she said that this variety survives, even in Kingsport’s relatively cold winters, planted outdoors. It is cut back to the ground in the late fall and emerges the next spring to form a group of 25-foot tall plants in a very short 2 ½ month period. The plants were beautiful and had leaves that were around 3 feet long. I don’t understand why there were no holes in the leaves—the local pests must not know or like banana leaves!

Another interesting planting was of the acanthus plant, more commonly known as “Bear’s Britches”. It was in full bloom with 8 to 10 tall scapes of its pretty flowers. This plant is the inspiration of all of those leaf patterns one sees in ancient Grecian and Roman architectural decorations. There was a cardoon plant, which towered up around 10 feet tall. Dennis pointed out how this plant resembles celery in its color, its leaf shape, and the striations on the stem of the plant. I read somewhere that the cardoon is considered a weed in Australia and California because of its invasive nature and adaptability to dry climates, but this obviously doesn’t apply in Kingsport’s climate. I’d like one

of these things!

There were several very nice oriental lilies, including one that was taller than any I’ve ever seen. It towered around 10 feet tall. Then in front of the house, there was a little dwarf oriental sumac bush. It looked very similar to our common staghorn sumac, except that its features were much smaller and daintier. There were also many specimens of the calla lily that were in bloom. These plants are quite impressive because of their unique shape, but it’s the wide range of beautiful colors that is so impressive.

Dennis told my husband that a couple of bottles of blackberry wine he had made were in the boutique, and that these could be bid on for the Tri-Cities’ silent auction. We were lucky enough to make the winning bid, and now have two bottles awaiting our personal enjoyment.

## **BANNER’S DAYLILY FARM**

By Brenda Macy, Elizabethtown, KY

Our third garden of the day was Banner’s Daylily Farm owned by Janice and David Banner. Located in Jonesborough, Tennessee it was our last stop before lunch and was such a delight to visit. The frontage of the property was a meandering tree-lined creek. *Hemerocallis* ‘Fulva’ made a cheerful and eye-catching display from the road.

As we crossed the bridge to the farm, gazebos and other sitting areas could be glimpsed between the trees. This is a working farm with the primary crop being daylilies. The beds were laid out in large rectangles making it easy to sell daylilies. This is not to say that there were not areas of whimsy and creativity. I absolutely fell in love with the wonderfully painted concrete edgers.

What a wonderful collection of daylilies offered for sale to the general public – it went way, way beyond *h.* ‘Stella D’Oro’! Many old favorites like *h.* ‘Lavender Spider’ (Harris-Reinke, 1990) a beautiful lavender spider introduced by Region 10 hybridizer Joyce Reinke was spectacular as was the weirdly wonderful *h.* ‘Wild One’ (Wild, 1978) a diamond dusted deep golden yellow with yellow green throat. Some of the newer daylilies offered to the public were the always outstanding *h.* ‘Gnarly Dude’ (Hansen-D., 2008) a red with white toothy edge above yellow green throat. Enman Joiner’s

*h.* ‘Savannah Idol’ (2002) caught my eye with its base color of apricot complemented by a pinkish-red eye and edge.

Anyone looking for a bright daylily would do well to consider *h.* ‘Ledgewood’s Firecracker’ (Abajian, 2004). This cultivar is a very deep

gold with a bright red eye and edge. Being a person who loves purple and lavender daylilies, I fell in love with Jeff Salter’s *h.* ‘Noonday Dreams’ (2006). The petals are a lovely shade of pale lavender with a large lavender grape eye and edge set off by a green throat. There was an enormous clump of *h.* ‘Hurricane Wind’ (Gossard, 2005) with multiple open blooms. Another of Jamie Gossard’s fine unusual forms, it is orange with a dark purple eye and a lighter orange edge. And it is tall. Tall daylilies are good.



*Brenda Macy gathering information and photos on the beautiful Banner’s Daylily Farm (Photo by Susan Okrasinski)*

were those that could be made into small planters. There were brightly colored fish and the world’s best

planter – an alligator! The fish were for sale. Oh, how I wish I had had some spare cash that day. The shaded areas had many cool plant vignettes just loaded with annuals in many cool objects turned planters.

All too soon, it was time to leave. If you are in the area, I

highly recommend a visit.

## BLUE RIDGE DAYLILIES

By Chris Schardein, Louisville, KY

Where do you begin to describe the jaw dropping scenery as you drive along on the tour bus? I spent the best part of the ride gazing out the window at hill after hill of lush greenery, mountain by mountain of what they appropriately name the Blue Ridge Mountains! They really looked blue! When you are the driver you never quite get the same rush as the person who can truly drink up the beauty. There’s another reason to enjoy the sit back and relax feel of the tour bus and know that you’re not going to get lost!

Then you turn the last curve and there it is! Blue Ridge Daylilies, run by Bob Selman and Dale Hensley. Our bus captain, Chris Massengill, an up and coming hybridizer in the TriCities Daylily Society, said that this garden was the “Crown Jewel of the Blue Ridge Mountains”! When I told Bob Selman, he humbly said “not my words”, although we heartily disagreed. This treasure is tucked ever so delicately into the sloping roadside, over a small creek and down into some of the, can I just say, prettiest dirt you can imagine! From the richness of the soil to the larger mountain fed stream that rolls beside this garden you can understand why, even with being in zone 6, these daylilies are so large that it takes your breath away. My



*Banner’s Daylily Farm: One of the small planters of brightly colored fish (Photo by Brenda Macy)*

Now, back to those previously mentioned concrete edgers. Some of the edgers surrounding the daylily beds were painted with a floral design, but the best

husband, Bill, said that Bob had water from heaven to make these daylilies look like they are on steroids!

The daylily beds extend over two acres with row after row of so many cultivars you just have to walk each one to be able to see everything. And believe me, that takes a long time! We had about an hour or so, but even that demanded a fast paced look. You really need an afternoon or even a whole day to get the full effect of the place.

There were so many cultivars to view, but these were some of my favorites. My first picture in this garden

happened to be *h.* 'Susan Okrasinski' by Bob Selman as beautiful as can be. *H.* 'Asheville Tourist' by Selman caught my eye from a distance. When I finally gave the camera to Bill to get some of his shots, he too had taken its picture. *H.*

'Bali Watercolor' by Pat Stamile swayed gracefully in the mountain breeze.

As you walk down the daylilies the hillside beside it is covered with conifers, hardy tropical plants in green and burgundy colors, agaves, succulents, cacti along with many other unusual plants that I had no idea of their names. There were Japanese water iris along the creekside that were flat, something I had never seen, in beautiful white, purple/blue, others with veining that was very striking to the eye. Then the dahlias, wildflowers, hydrangea were mingled in around the edges to make a perfect setting.

Other daylilies catching my attention included *h.* 'Kathy McCartney' by N.Roberts, *h.* 'Teenie Girl' by B. Reinke, *h.* 'Spacecoast Hot Topic' by my friend John Kinnebrew, *h.* 'Plum Curls' by J Harris, *h.* 'Key to my Heart' by Carr, *h.* 'Tigerey Spider' by M.Reed, *h.* 'Nellie's Curls' by L.Ward and *h.* 'Purple Maze' by Mort Morss. I must have taken a hundred other pictures of daylilies by other well known hybridizers like the

Salters, Carpenter, Trimmer, Olson, Spalding, Shooter, Kaskel, Lefever, Crochet, Herrington and too many others to mention. As I said earlier, you need to spend the whole day to take it all in!

As always, our bus captain had his trusty whistle out to end our gazing spell and get us back onto the bus. As I walked out, still taking more pictures, I noticed some of the yard art placed around the grounds. I especially liked the colorful metal rooster in the middle of the beds and the arbor that started your adventure walk. I think I even saw what I later found out to be

Bear's Britches in the beds. But as they say, all good things come to an end and this did too. We headed to the bus and enjoyed the majestic scenery back to our hotel one last time.

One last note I need to make is that if

you come to the National Convention in Asheville, NC in 2014 you will have the pleasure of seeing firsthand not only the featured garden Blue Ridge Daylilies but that also of our hilarious co-captain, the one and only,



*A sea of daylilies at Blue Ridge Daylilies (photo by Susan Okrasinski)*



*Blue Ridge Daylilies: a couple of old friends catching up (photo by Susan Okrasinski)*

Paul Owen's Slightly Different Nursery as well as all the other wonderful gardens that will be showcased. Don't miss it! We'll see you there.

## PEARLINE MALONE GARDEN

By Janice Wood, Memphis, TN

Pearline Malone's garden is located in a lovely rural valley among rolling hills. Daylily beds on both sides of the drive showed lots of colorful bloom. In front of the house the beds sloped down toward the road. There were beds of hosta, coral bells, and ferns in shady areas. Asiatic lilies were scattered among the daylilies. There was a fabulous clump of *h.* 'Topguns Double Eyeful' giving everyone an eyeful. Salter's *h.* 'Mask Of Eternity' and *h.* 'Winter Treasure' showed perfect blooms. Ted Petit's *h.* 'Through The Looking Glass' had five beautiful patterned blooms. Tim Bell's *h.* 'Rose Victorious' was stunning. There was a lovely rose bi-tone bloom of *h.* 'Skyland Rose Delight' hybridized by Kingsport local hybridizer Bob Hale. It was a runner-up for best Region 10 hybridized clump award. I also saw the largest bloom of Jan Joiner's *h.* 'Firefly Frenzy' I have ever seen. It obviously was happy in its location.



*Pearline Malone shares information about her garden with Mary Ann Duncan of Kentucky (Photo by Janice Wood)*

Pearline served a beautiful cake decorated with lovely realistic looking flowers of lilies, pansies, tulips, and roses. It was almost too pretty to eat.

**Editors Note:** Unfortunately, not long after the tour, Pearline Malone suffered 2 strokes. She went into the hospital in late June and her family and friends maintained a vigil of thoughts and prayers for her. Some of the members of the Tri-Cities Daylily Club pitched in by helping to weed her garden and continued visiting and sending her encouraging notes and cards. We are saddened to report that Pearline recently passed away. Her Memorial is included on the "In Memoriam" page. We are so indebted to those who open their gardens at regional meetings and she will be greatly missed.



*Everyone "ooing and ahing" over the daylilies at Pearline Malone's Garden (Photo by Susan Okrasinski)*



*Tri-Cities club members at the weeding party for Pearline (Photo by Susan Okrasinski)*

# REGION 10 2014 SUMMER MEETING!!!

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## Regional Awards and Honors Committee

By Richard Porter – Louisville, KY ([Porterdaylily@yahoo.com](mailto:Porterdaylily@yahoo.com), ph.502.584.7284)

**Editors Note:** In the Spring/Summer 2013 issue Rich Rosen explained the National Awards and Honors for Region 10 members. In this column, Richard Porter, the new chair of the Regional Awards and Honors Committee, explains the Regional awards for Region 10 members.

Region 10 has two major awards in order to recognize individuals, or a couple, who have significantly contributed to the interest in daylilies for our Kentucky Tennessee Region. "The Lee Pickles Regional Service Award" is designed to single out those who have rendered many hours of dedicated service in the Region. Think about those active in your club and at the Regional level that devote endless hours to the task of promoting daylilies for all of us. Each nomination should be typed and must contain a summary of the nominee's activities which benefit the Region and his/her worthiness for this Award. The May 15th deadline for next year is designed so the person can be named at the Summer Meeting for Region 10. Nominations may be submitted to Richard Porter, 1531 Sylvan Way, Louisville, KY 40205 (this is a corrected zip code) Some past recipients of this award are Lee Pickles (twice); Elsie Heintz, Maurice Greene; Jay Turman; Geraldine Couturier; Scotty Innes; Bill Reinke, and Doris Stonska. Individuals currently serving as president or AHS Board member are not eligible for nomination while in those elected positions.

"The Virginia Peck Hybridizer's Award" may be awarded to a Region 10 member who is also a member of the national AHS. This person will be thought to have attained outstanding results in the field of hybridizing. It

is designed to encourage and honor the hard work of hybridizers within our Region. Named after Virginia Peck, a noted Region 10 hybridizer (now deceased), any nominee will be submitted to the local club presidents for consideration. Some past recipients have been Hazel and Everett Dougherty, John Rice, Bill Oakes, Geraldine Couturier, Wes Kirby and Bill and Joyce Reinke. Be thinking about whom you would like to have considered and submit nominations to Richard Porter, Awards Chair, again with May 15th being the deadline.



H. 'Bass Gibson'(Rice-J, 2006) AHS Award of Merit Winner  
(Photo by Debra Zimmerman)

# Spotlight On . . .

## 2013 Bertie Ferris Scholarship Winner

By Drs. Hebron & Dorothy Smith – Guthrie, KY

The second 2013 winner of the AHS Bertie Ferris Youth Scholarship Award is Stephen T. Smith of Guthrie, Kentucky. Stephen is the first Region 10 youth to win this coveted scholarship and the first in Kentucky. Stephen has started his second year, this fall, in a dual credit high school program associated with Hopkinsville Community College and Austin Peay State University. He is getting a head start on a degree in Botany. He was the 2011 recipient of the Christine Erin Stamile Youth Award. Since 2009, Stephen has registered 12 cultivars. He has participated in numerous flower shows and presented programs on his daylily breeding program. He is a member of three other plant societies and Todd County Central FFA chapter. His early experience came from working with his parents in the daylily fields, planting, cultivating, helping

to make crosses, witnessing those results and selecting names for registrations. Stephen still works side by side with his parents but he now has his own daylily breeding program. Since 2006, he's had his own hybridizing program with concentration on spiders and UFO's, resulting in approximately 4,500 seedlings per year.

Stephen is fortunate in that most of what he's learned about growing and hybridizing daylilies is the advice and knowledge from his parents, Drs. Hebron and Dorothy Smith who are educated in plant science/molecular biology and involved in daylilies. Through them, Stephen has learned the importance of education and acquired a love of plants with emphasis on Hemerocallis. He has a passion for daylilies and plans to continue hybridizing forever.



*Stephen Smith and his Botany Professor-Advisor, Dr. Dewayne Estes, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN (Photo by Dr. Hebron Smith)*

## A Message From Your Youth Liaison

By Libby Hickman - Ooltewah, TN

The Tennessee Valley Daylily Society, under the leadership of President Jane Dixon, has established a new youth program for 2013. This program was set up to provide learning activities that might be of interest to the youth so that they learn more about daylilies and realize they are an important part of our club. Without this involvement and encouragement with our youth, we could see a large decline in our membership as well as interest in our beloved daylily in the future.

As coordinator of this program, I chose a few areas that I felt were good starting points for our youth. I then acquired club members to teach the programs in their own gardens. The programs this year included how to fertilize, common weeds, and hybridizing. The final activity will be a cookout to discuss this year's programs and a discussion on what the youth would like to have as programs and activities for next year.

# Youth Activities!

## A Message From Your Youth Liaison (continued)

By Libby Hickman - Ootlewah, TN



*"How to Hybridize" in the garden of Sam and Linda Hassler.  
(Photos by Libby Hickman)*

While we want to continue doing some programs in our member's gardens, we also want to have the youth more involved in our daylily show and each

## A Recruit and his "Wish List"...

By Karen Newman - Delano, TN

I want to tell you the story of a garden visitor I had this summer. His name is Tucker Gaby and he appears to be around nine or ten years old. He came with his family earlier in the season (when there were lots of blooms) to pick out some daylilies for HIS garden. And he had twelve plants he put on his "Wish List" for later in the season. I didn't want to sell out of any of them, so I potted them and sat them under the tree by the pavilion, never thinking Tucker would be back. I should have known better.

He has good taste in plants...and he picked out some rather expensive plants for his "Wish List". His father told him he would have to earn the money for them. Tucker already had a plan. He fixed himself a sign... "Daylilies for Sale... Buy \$20 in daylilies and receive a free gift of a Peruvian Lily (crinum)". His first weekend, he made \$200. The next weekend he made another \$200. So, he had earned the money for his "Wish List" and was ready for the new-and-improved daylilies to replace the ones he had sold.

Tucker had a few questions. He wanted me to show him what hybridizers do to get new plants. Fortunately, there were a few daylilies still in bloom and I showed him how to make a cross. A look of excitement came on his face and he said "Well, I could do that". Sure he could...and he will come next bloom season. He asked how long it would take

monthly meeting. Their involvement in our club indicates their importance to us all. We have our youth stand at the entrance to welcome everyone, read announcements, and deliver daylilies at our auctions. They love being involved. We would also like to have at least one meeting a year dedicated to the youth. This year, at our October meeting, Lee Pickles is doing a presentation specifically for the youth. They are so excited for this special presentation, as is the entire membership.

Establishing this program for our youth has been fun and rewarding to everyone involved. Our club has also experienced an increase in youth membership. We hope that we continue to see an increase in interest from our youth for many years to come. It doesn't take a lot to implement this program and we hope that every club in Region 10 will try to do something similar if not already. After all, the youth are our future hybridizers, growers, and club members/officers----It's important to the future of daylilies.



*"Tucker Gaby"*

for the seed pods to mature actually a seed pod I had pull off right next to the used for the cross), how them, when to plant, etc. Igent questions for his age, age, really.

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I loaded him down with printed material and a 2011 Eureka. And, of course, some gift plants. The best part was when he gave me a big hug, a big smile, a big thank you...and said "I can't wait until next season to start making crosses".

His father is going to bring him to our August 10th club meeting in Chattanooga. Because of a conflict in his sister's soccer schedule, he won't be able to stay for the entire meeting, but he can stay for about an hour.

That will be enough time for him to meet David Kirchhoff, Lee Pickles and Libby Hickman, who does a great job with the youngsters in our club.

His father had already sent in the membership fee for AHS. He wants to join the club. And he was asking about the youth program in both the local club and things for him nationally. He mentioned the Youth Scholarship Fund, writing articles, etc. I believe we have a budding new member. With enthusiasm like that, AHS has to have a bright future.

# Welcome To My Flowery World

By Janice Wood, Memphis, TN

Some of my earliest memories are about flowers. My mudpies were decorated with rose petals and dogwood berries. Captain Kangaroo had days he called “Another be good to Mother’s Day” and I would search the yard for the newest open flower to bring Mother. My mother could grow anything. Any plants she touched seemed to thrive. My Grandmother Wood seemed to be able to stick any plant in water and it would root, from cuttings of shrubs she stuck in a bucket beside the garage during the summer to impatiens stuck in a glass of water in the kitchen window which bloomed all winter. So I grew up connected to flowers. The first flowers I grew were roses. They grew quite well where we lived north of Birmingham. When I was 12 we moved to Montgomery, AL and I continued to grow roses but with less success than in north Alabama. I found out about camellias though and I thought they were the perfect flower except they had no fragrance. Then we moved to LA (that’s Lower Alabama) and the roses did even worse and I gave them up and planted camellias.

Mother and a neighbor, Emma Jean Wood, got their hair done at the same time and day and Emma Jean invited Mother to come see her daylily garden a few miles down the road on her farm near Troy, AL. So we went and were smitten. Like the song “Just one look, that’s all it took”. I had only previously seen the orange “ditch lilies” that grew beside my grandmother’s driveway and I was amazed with the wide variety of colors in Emma Jean’s garden.. We went about every other day, usually early evenings, to look and help her deadhead. I learned that you should deadhead the dark colored daylilies first because you can see the lighter colors when it is darker outside. I also learned about nocturnal daylilies doing this because there were several that it was hard to tell which flowers were today’s flowers closing up and the ones for tomorrow which were opening. We bought daylilies from her and started our own daylily garden. We also joined the AHS during this time. Emma Jean hybridized too and I was fascinated that you could cross 2 daylilies and get seedlings that were as different in appearance as a litter of kittens. She explained about the difference in diploid and tetraploid daylilies. I tried my hand at hybridizing and got some real dogs. During this time I was in college and medical school and had most of June out of school, which was great for enjoying daylilies. Then I moved to Memphis to do my surgical training. I lived in a 3rd floor apartment and rarely got to enjoy the daylight for

the next 5 years. I had only an asparagus fern and a weeping fig. During this time my parents moved again and lived in an apartment for five years. So I had no daylilies around.

I finished my residency and bought a house that was built right after WWII that had large shade trees in the yard. I would ride my bicycle to the nearby Memphis Botanic Garden to enjoy all the flowers including the daylily display garden there. A friend of mine had a grandmother that grew daylilies and iris and we would visit her garden. I wished for a spot to grow daylilies but only had a 4-foot square sunny spot. So I planted *hemerocallis* ‘Stella D’Oro’ because it bloomed so long. Several years later I moved to a larger new house further in the suburbs which had a large sunny corner. I was excited because I knew I finally had a place to grow daylilies. I could look at that weed field and picture large beds of daylilies in the future. However after 9 years of being away from daylily people I couldn’t remember

the names of places to get daylilies. I could only remember Wild’s Nursery and about the AHS. The first spring I ordered my first 12 daylilies from Wild’s and joined the AHS. THE DAYLILY JOURNAL helped me find new sources for plants and my daylily beds grew larger. I joined the Memphis Area Daylily Society and got plants from members and made wish lists from blooms seen at the daylily shows. My Mother and I would buy daylilies together and then share. Birthday presents and Mother’s Day presents were usually new daylilies. I then combined 2 of my favorite things, travel and daylilies, and started going to regional and national daylily meetings. I toured many AHS Display Gardens. I met wonderful people who became friends all around the country and saw fabulous gardens wherever I traveled. Frequently I came back with the car full of blooming daylily plants swaying in the backseat.

My daylily beds kept getting bigger



“Rendezvous at the Porta-Potty” Janice Wood with David Kirchoff at the Garden Tours in Tri-Cities



H. ‘Heavenly Haviland’ (MacMillan, 1962)  
(Photo by Janice Wood)

still. I started back hybridizing on a small scale working on red daylilies (Mother's favorite color) since there are no blue daylilies. I read Munson's Daylily book and started collecting the best reds that he recommended. One of the hybridizers he recommended was Richard Webster in Arab, AL. Mother didn't live far away from him at that time and we went to visit his garden. That was the first place I ever saw tetraploid UFO and spider daylilies and the flowers were so large. It's so amazing what you get hybridizing daylilies. I wanted red but got purple and rose and stippled daylilies to begin with. I have more red ones in my seedling beds now.

The Memphis club hosted our regional meeting and they needed a garden to have the Garden Judges clinic and I volunteered since I was working to become a Garden Judge. I decided after that point that I had enough of a daylily collection that with a little work that I too could have an official daylily display garden. I read the rules and one said I should grow some of every form of daylily, new and old. Well, having grown up with daylilies when round ruffled forms were the norm I had no spiders and didn't like the doubles I had seen. So I bought some *h.* 'Cat's Cradle' (what can be wrong with a yellow spider named for cats) and *h.* 'Betty Woods' (a double Stout medal winner). I got some older daylilies that I had loved since my beginnings with daylilies, *h.* 'Heavenly Haviland' (it blooms so long) and *h.* 'Burning Daylight' (a late bloomer). I kept looking to add more variety of blooms. Doubles, spiders, and UFO's have grown on me. I also added other flowers with a preference for native perennials to span the seasons, working for all year long bloom. I even have a few cold hardy camellias. The Garden Judges clinic also gave me some encouragement in my hybridizing efforts. I finally registered my first daylily, coral colored *h.* 'Summer In The City'.

My daylily garden is on the corner of my lot where it is easily seen from the street. People drive by, wave, and yell how they liked the flowers or stop and visit. Many would come even if I were not at home and take pictures of their children, have lunch, or just photograph the daylily blooms. I would find notes in my mailbox. One lady made beautiful cards with my blooms on them and left



*H.* 'Summer in the City' (Wood-Ja, 2009)

(Photo by Janice Wood)

me some. Another man took photos and displayed them at a local restaurant. A man making a movie for the Memphis Chamber of Commerce stopped one day wanting to take pictures and video me in the garden to include in his film (my part of the movie is only about 2 seconds long). I am proud to be a Display Garden to bring blooms to daylily aficionados and those

I hope to influence to be daylily lovers. I always have a sign that says "Welcome". I think that is part of having a display garden and would encourage daylily collectors to not hide all their flowers behind a privacy fence but display them proudly to the world. Sometimes one good look at daylilies is enough to hook you for life.

## Welcome New Members to AHS and Region 10

Johnathan Ballard  
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Columbia, TN 38401

Kenneth and Diana Hargrove  
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Hanson, KY 42413

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Winchester, KY 40391

Mary Ailee Simon  
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Memphis, TN 38104

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Ooltewah, TN 37363

David Harrell  
6412 Cayman Lane  
Knoxville, TN 37918

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Dellrose, TN 36453

James Snowder  
10307 Jeys Ferry Rd  
Fairdale, KY 40118

Ryan Dowlen  
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Crossville, TN 38571

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Ooltewah, TN 37363

Joseph Powell  
6115 Hudson Creek Dr  
Louisville, KY 40291

Jenifer Weedman  
1244 Rivermont Cir  
Gallatin, TN 37066

Tucker Gaby  
8831 Bramlett Rd  
Harrison, TN 37341

Loretta Higgins  
14339 May Rd  
Soddy Daisy, TN 37379

Jeane Robertson  
660 Windmill Cir  
Bowling Green, KY 42104

Rebecca Wilson  
30 Addison Cv  
Jackson, TN 38305

Alice B. Brown  
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Kayla Jones  
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# Region 10 Goes to the National



# Meeting?... You Betcha!

All Photos by Debbie Monbeck



# A Message From Your Garden Judges Liaison

Have you ever seen or do you remember seeing the poster of Uncle Sam where he is pointing his finger at you and it reads "I Want You!"?

Well folks, pretend this article you are reading in the Daylily Appeal is one just like that. I and my predecessor, LaVonne Jolly, have for the past several years been asking for more volunteers from Region 10 to become appointed Garden Judges. It's really not that hard or difficult to achieve. You have two clinics you must attend. Clinic I & II can now be taken in any order. You still have to be an AHS member for 24 consecutive months and have current paid dues before you can assume the position of Garden Judge. If you cannot attend the Mid-Winter Symposium in Nashville in February 2014, the Region10 meeting in 2014 or the National Convention in 2014 and your club would like to host a meeting to conduct the clinics, please contact me, Bill Schardein, at 502-239-8963. We will work something out with your club. Remember, the Garden Judges are responsible for choosing the cultivars that win national awards.

Let me give you an idea of what you will do. The Clinic I class can be taken any time it is offered. It is always offered at the Mid-Winter Symposium as well as the Regional meeting and the National Convention. There will be a class with slide or power point presentation followed by a short test. Your instructors will point out all the high points that you need to remember for the test to help you out. We don't give the answers, you have to listen and remember! The Clinic II class is held in the open garden with live plants so it can only be given at the Regional meeting or the National Convention

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2014 – Lexington (July 3-5)  
2015 – Knoxville  
2016 – Louisville (DSL)  
2017 – Memphis  
2018 – Nashville  
2019 – Louisville (LADS)  
2020– Chattanooga  
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in the summer time. This has no test. Judges have to keep a five year log of gardens visited. This is even easier to accomplish when you attend the Regional and National each year. (You can get all this information off the AHS website.) You can do as Chris and I when we are on vacation. We try to find a garden that is in the area we are in. That gets you gardens in your region and possibly in other regions as well to add to your log.

Just ten years ago, LaVonne Jolly wrote as then Judge Liaison, that "Region 10 is proud to have added the most new Garden Judges in the last two years of all the AHS Regions, but let's not rest on our laurels." That holds true today as we were disappointed that our Region 10 only had four people take the two combined clinics this summer at the regional meeting in Kingsport, TN. One took it for credit and the others just audited the classes. Hopefully they will take them for credit in the near future.

As of this date, we have twelve Garden Judges whose terms will expire at the end of this current year. Please send your application for reappointment along with your five year log sheet of gardens that you have visited to our Regional President, Will Coltharp, by December 1st or earlier if possible. We don't want to lose your participation as Judges.

A special thanks to Brenda Macy for teaching Clinic II, Adele Keohan for assisting in Clinic I & II and also to John Wagner for the use of his garden for Clinic II. Hope to see you in a Clinic class.

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## **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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# National Award Winners

## Region 10 Service Award

Congratulations to Bill and Chris Schardein, this year's Region 10 service award winners. Together they contribute endless time, talent and treasure which helps to make Region 10 one of the best! Bill is a Garden Judge and has been our Garden Judge liaison for many years. Even when he is not an instructor, he is always there giving helpful hints and elaborating on the information being presented. He has also been actively involved in the Mid-Winter Symposiums, a weekend packed with



*Bill and Chris Schardein - 2013  
Region 10 Service Award Winners*

hybridizers and speakers promoting daylilies to those in attendance.

Bill and Chris both work tirelessly each year to make their display garden one of the jewels of our region. The Schardeins' garden (Creekside Garden in Louisville, Ky.) is one of the most beautiful daylily gardens in our region. Creekside was a featured garden when the summer tour was sponsored by their club and they were very instrumental in organizing that tour.

Bill is also a hybridizer and he and Chris have traveled to several clubs in the region to give talks on his hybrid-

## Photography Award

Susan Okrasinski won the multi-bloom image award in the AHS photo contest this year with *H. 'Sky Over Schuyler'* (Reed, 2007). This award took the place of the clump shot award in 2010. This photo was taken in Karen and Steve Newman's garden.

## Bertie Ferris Youth Award

The second 2013 winner of the AHS Bertie Ferris Youth Scholarship Award is Stephen T. Smith of Guthrie, Kentucky. See article on page 14 for details of his achievement.



*Stephen Smith, 2013 AHS Bertie Ferris Youth Scholarship Award*

izing program as well as to encourage members to become more active in their clubs and the region. They have traveled to many other regions to give talks and Bill is very generous when it comes to donating his introductions to clubs and regional events.

Chris has been serving as the very capable Region 10 secretary as well as pitching in at the drop of a hat. Often without even being asked, she magically



*Bill & Chris Schardein at the Summer Meeting* shows up like a super heroine right when help is needed! She is often one of the first people with her hand up to volunteer to write articles for *The Appeal*.

And last but not least, their warmth and charisma has brought many new members to the ranks of Region 10. So next time you see them in a garden or at a meeting, give them a pat on the back for enriching the Region 10 daylily world!



*H. 'Sky Over Schuyler' (Reed., 2005)*

## Hybridizer Awards

Congratulations to John Rice for his Award of Merit for *hemerocallis* 'Bass Gibson', and to David Kirchhoff for winning the Early Season Bloom Award with *h. 'Coyote Moon'*. Honorable Mention Award winners were Annette and John Rice for *h. 'Trifecta'* and *h. 'How Lovely You Are'*, David Kirchhoff for *h. 'Grapefruit Truffle'*, *h. 'Fabulous Frieda'*, *H. 'Ruffled Truffle'*, and *h. 'Tutti Fruitti Truffle'*, and Mort Morss for *h. 'Moroccan Madness'* and *h. 'Black Lapis'*.

# A Message From Your Exhibition Judges Liaison

Talk about trial by fire! Lorene Crone gracefully agreed to transition into the Exhibition Judge Liaison position IF I walked her through the transition and showed her all of the things that were required in Kingsport. Well...due to unforeseen circumstances, at the last minute I was unable to attend the Region 10 Summer Meeting. So with expert help of Sandra Merritt (a previous Judge Liaison) and Rich Rosen (an incredible Judge Instructor), Lorene learned the ropes the hard way. So, I cannot begin to express my appreciation for the three of them along with instructors and master panel members, Maurice Greene, Debbie Smith and Mary Ann Duncan. This entire group went beyond the call of duty to make the clinics a success. We had several students who passed Clinic II so there will be some Junior Judges available for shows next year. A couple of people took Clinic III, the refresher course. If you are an Exhibition Judge and have not taken the refresher in a while, check the website or last Spring's *Daylily Appeal* to check your renewal date.

As in years past, the next scheduled clinics will be at the 2014 Mid-Winter Symposium to be held February 7-9, 2014 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

## Judges Food For Thought

By Danny Robinson – Humboldt, Tennessee

After the last three weeks in June having judged two daylily shows and exhibited in one then going to the Region 10 meeting, I ask myself why we have these shows. I think we all have about the same thoughts on this, the number one reason is to promote the daylily, and all other reasons promote this thought. We want to give people a chance to see a larger variety of daylilies hoping to give them the desire to grow the flower or expand the garden they have. The show also provides an avenue for the grower to display his talent for growing the flower and his likes and dislikes for the different varieties. We could go on for pages on this but I want to get to the point I am trying to ask and that is as a Judge how critical should I be? When we judge grooming should we take off the total fifteen points or should we take off less because the error is not that distracting. We can ask ourselves this same question in all the other categories the decision can result in a blue ribbon or a yellow ribbon and we can justify all our decisions by the standards set down for us as Judges. But we need to ask which award is going to bring that person back next year to exhibit in the show. Do we want to be so critical on the blue ribbons that we give out fewer of these than the other categories? That is for each individual judge to determine for him or herself. Don't get me wrong. If I am to send a flower to the head table I will

all dues being paid by January 1 each year.

I know everyone will welcome Lorene as she assumes her new role with her usual efficiency and assist her in making Region 10 the best group of Exhibition Judges in the nation.

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be less forgiving because we only want the best there. But in the end I hope I have made someone who brought only two or three flowers want to expand his or her garden so they can compete in the sweepstakes next year or just to start a garden if they do not grow daylilies. What really brought this on happened at one of the shows I judged this year. After we were through judging, a man in a wheel chair rolled up admiring the daylilies and exclaimed, "Whew I did not know there were so many pretty daylilies". What can I say? Yes, it is worth it all.

# It's Show Time!

## The Region 10 Show Results

(More Club Results on Page 24)

### Tennessee Valley Daylily Society

Joan Trundle – Show Chair

#### Best Extra Large Flower

H. 'Course of Action'  
(Hansen-D 2004)  
Exhibited by Karen Newman

#### Best Large Flower

H. 'Robert W. Carr'  
(Pickles 2010)  
Exhibited by Lee and Jean Pickles

#### Best Small Flower

H. 'Lullaby Baby'  
(Spaulding-W 1975)  
Exhibited by Delores Clark

#### Best Double, Multiform, Polymerous

H. 'Firefly Frenzy' (Joiner-J 2002)  
Exhibited by Rick Keith

#### Best Spider

H. 'Kindly Light' (Bechtold 1950)  
Exhibited by Ralph Gordon

#### Best Unusual Form

H. 'The Sisters' (Bachman 2008)  
Exhibited by Karen Newman

#### Best Youth Entry

H. 'Bluegrass Music'  
(Grace-Smith 2005)  
Exhibited by Nathan Allison

#### Best in Show

H. 'The Sisters'

#### Sweepstakes

Karen Newman

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*All Set and Ready for Judging*



*The Head Table at the West TN Daylily Society Show*



*H. 'Westbourne Crowns of Glory'  
(Meadows 2010)  
(Photo by Janice Wood)*

### West Tennessee Daylily Society

Lorene Robinson – Show Chair

#### Best Large Flower

H. 'Collier' (Brown-EC 1993)  
Exhibited by Louis Crawford

#### Best Miniature Flower

H. 'Sweet Naomi' (Woods-M 2006)  
Exhibited by Lorene Crone

#### Best Double

H. 'Siloam Double Classic'  
(Henry-P 1985)  
Exhibited by Brian & Barbara Fowler

#### Best Spider

H. 'Free Wheelin' (Stamile 2004)  
Exhibited by Louis Crawford

#### Best Seedling

Sdlg. (Phil & Carol Sims)  
Exhibited by Phil & Carol Sims

#### Best in Show

H. 'Siloam Double Classic'

#### Sweepstakes

Phil & Carol Sims

#### WTDS Awards

##### Best Yellow/Gold

H. 'Elohim Summer Day'  
(Sims-PD 2007)  
Exhibited by Phil & Carol Sims

##### Best Pink

H. 'Just Like Candy' (Morss 2003)  
Exhibited by Phil & Carol Sims

##### Best Red

H. 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts 2004)  
Exhibited by Joann & Clyde Garrison

##### Best Near White

H. 'Starman's Gift' (Burkey 1988)  
Exhibited by Joann & Clyde Garrison

##### Best Lavendar/Purple

H. 'Gray Ty Di' (Sims-PC 2012)  
Exhibited by Phil & Carol Sims

##### Best Eyed

H. 'Strawberry Fields Forever' (Stamile 1997) Exhibited by Pat Bevill

# It's Show Time!

## The Region 10 Show Results

(More Club Results on Page 23)

### Daylily Society of Louisville

Richard Porter – Show Chair

#### Best Extra Large Flower

H. 'Egyptian Queen'  
(Trimmer 2000)  
Exhibited by Joe Powell

#### Best Large Flower

H. 'Blackberry Jack'  
(Trimmer 2002)  
Exhibited by James Snowder

#### Best Small Flower

H. 'Mayfair Season' (Salter-EH 1987)  
Exhibited by Lunette Dearen

#### Best Miniature Flower

H. 'Jason Salter'  
(Salter-EH 1973)  
Exhibited by Lunette Dearen

#### Best Double

H. 'Topguns Molten Lava'  
(Scott-B 2006)  
Exhibited by Doris Stonska

#### Best Spider

H. 'Marked By Lydia' (Temple 1994)  
Exhibited by Don & Claudia Wolff

#### Best Unusual Form

H. 'Muscle And Blood' (Bachman  
2003)  
Exhibited by Joe Powell

#### Best in Show

H. 'Mayfair Season'

#### Sweepstakes

James Snowder

#### Best Flower by Region 10

##### Hybridizer

H. 'Sweet Naomi'  
(Woods-M 2006)  
Exhibited by Doris Stonska

### Blue Grass Hemerocallis Society

Debbie Smith – Show Chair

#### Best Extra Large Flower

H. 'Jaguar'  
(Dougherty 1987)  
Exhibited by Nancy Estes

#### Best Large Flower

H. 'Mary's Gold'  
(McDonnell-H 1984)  
Exhibited by Nancy Estes

#### Best Small Flower

H. 'Elegant Explosion'  
(Meyer-C 2004)  
Exhibited by Cynthia Corey

#### Best Miniature Flower

H. 'Little Tawny'  
(Trotter-Webber 1973)  
Exhibited by Nancy Estes

#### Best Double

H. 'Circus Truffle'  
(D Kirchoff 2008)  
Exhibited by Linda Donald

#### Best Spider

H. 'Parfait'  
(Childs-F 1951)  
Exhibited by Cynthia Corey

#### Best Unusual Form

H. 'I See Stars' (Gossard 2001)  
Exhibited by Nancy Estes

#### Popularity Poll

H. 'Stolen Treasure' (Dougherty-H  
1996)  
Exhibited by Nancy Estes

#### Best Seedling

Sdlg. (Dave Bowman)  
Exhibited by Dave Bowman

#### Best in Show

H. 'I See Stars'

#### Sweepstakes

Linda Donald

#### Best Design

Sue Lynch

### Middle Tennessee Daylily Society

Jay Turman – Show Chair

#### Best Extra Large Flower

H. 'Wizard At Large' (Salter 2008)  
Exhibited by Rusty & Sharon Turner

#### Best Large Flower

H. 'Painted Lady' (Russell 1942)  
Exhibited by Cullen Merritt

#### Best Small Flower

H. 'One Eye Willie' (Herrington 2006)  
Exhibited by Rusty & Sharon Turner

#### Best Miniature Flower

H. 'Spacecoast Tiny Perfection'  
(Kinnebrew 1998)  
Exhibited by Rusty & Sharon Turner

#### Best Double

H. 'Penny Pinsley' (Trimmer 1999)  
Exhibited by Cullen Merritt

#### Best Spider

H. 'Chevron Spider' (Hansen 1992)  
Exhibited by Rusty & Sharon Turner

#### Best Unusual Form

H. 'Winged Migration'  
(Lambertson 2003)  
Exhibited by Rusty & Sharon Turner

#### Popularity Poll

H. 'Stolen Treasure' (Dougherty 1996)  
Exhibited by Cullen Merritt

#### Virginia Peck Memorial Award

H. 'Farewell Sweet Prince' (Peck 1989)  
Exhibited by Jay & Peggy Turman

#### Best in Show

H. 'Painted Lady'

#### Sweepstakes

Rusty & Sharon Turner

#### Best Design

Juanita Allinder

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# Ask the Ombudsman

By Donna Peck, AHS Ombudsman

During the past few years I've had a number of people ask me this question. Why does our club need to put on a flower show? I was surprised to learn that many clubs don't have a flower show because ever since I became a daylily club member, our club has always held a show!

I belong to the Albuquerque Daylily Club in New Mexico, and I think our show is one of the highlights of the year. I joined in 1990 and we automatically put our show on our calendar of the year's activities. We enjoy showing the daylilies to our community, and we have many visitors who come see our show each year. We even give them a voting slip for them to vote on their favorite daylily and arrangement. We also hold a plant sale at the same time, and it is always very successful.

Since we are the only club in New Mexico we need to "import" judges from other states such as Arizona and Texas. We have a big potluck for them the night before the show, which is a wonderful way of getting to know them and also socialize with our members. We do give them a free night at a hotel and a stipend to help with traveling expenses. We treat the judges to lunch after they finish judging and some even stay another day at their own expense for extra sightseeing. Our club members volunteer to pick up the judges at the airport, if needed, and transport them to the dinner and to the show the next day. It is a very special time for our club.

I asked Nikki Schmith (Chair of Photographic Media) from Region 2, Joann Stewart (chair of Exhibition Judges Records) from Region 5, and Gwen Pennington (member of the Ombudsman Committee) from Region 6 for their thoughts on why a club should hold a daylily show.

QUESTION: WHY ARE FLOWER SHOWS IMPORTANT TO OUR CLUB?

Joann says "like an Easter parade, an accredited daylily show gives you the chance to show off your plants, garner admiring looks and comments about your entries, and earn accolades on your grooming and plant culture. Perhaps more importantly this is also the best way to spotlight your club, to show not only that you grow plants which are worthy of garden space, and you're a group of divergent members with a common interest, but that you're a group which is congenial, willing to share 'self' information and plants and don't look down on beginners or strangers."

Nikki feels that those in the club who resist having a show are a "loud minority". The theme is generally the same around the country - "we don't have the money," "we don't have the energy/manpower," or "we don't like what the competition brings out in the members." But Nikki encourages those who have the desire to host such an event to **MOVE FORWARD WITH YOUR GRAND PLANS DESPITE THE RESISTANCE**. Nikki promises that if "you bring scapes to the show and participate with an open mind, you will realize it is **WORTH THE EFFORT**. You will have connected with the club, you will have connected to the national organization and you will have connected with other daylily fans like yourself. You will have a **GREAT TIME**."

Nikki hears many negative comments from the members who aren't personally enthused about a show. Here are a few comments and Nikki's answer to them.

1. "I don't want to waste a whole scape to bring it to the show." If it's a new cultivar, or one you are using for hybridizing, then don't cut it. Just bring in one flower for the off scape section. But, on a clump that is surely going to produce multiple scapes, you won't miss one! Nikki feels that once you cut one, clean it up and bring it in to exhibit you will wonder why you never did it more in the past.

2. Another comment one hears is "I don't need a 'judge' telling me my flowers are pretty. I can see that for myself." Nikki points out that "exhibiting daylilies isn't about the 'prettiest' flower, it is about **STANDARDS**. Judges look for traits such as scape height, growing conditions, flower texture, flower color, grooming etc. Judges are judging on a defined set of criteria for each individual flower. The standard the judges use is the hybridizer's registration information. Remember the judges aren't judging YOU, they are judging flowers by the registered standard."

3. "I don't like competition" is another comment one hears. You need to remember that the "mission of an accredited AHS Exhibition Show is **PUBLIC EDUCATION** - not competition."

4. "I don't grow any new or expensive daylilies." This is no excuse!! The year, cost or hybridizer does not matter in exhibition shows. Nikki points out that the average year of introduction for section winners in the last decade was 1988. Any daylily can win. And does.

Joann says "that clubs who don't have shows have few other ways in which to troll for new members, educate the general public on our wonderful flower, or extend the number of places where modern daylilies can be seen."

Gwen agrees. She says "this is one of the best ways to attract new members. I joined a daylily club after I accidentally stumbled into their annual show that was being held at the city's botanic gardens. I was totally amazed at the incredible blooms. So many colors and forms...they were unbelievable. The club members were friendly and knowledgeable.....they obviously were having fun sharing their hobby."

A show does not have to be accredited in order to be successful in goals which have been discussed. But Joann feels that accredited shows give the better chance to educate the public about what criteria are used in judging flowers and why some entries might not win. It is true that one AHS member pointed out that an un-sanctioned show is faster and much easier to set up. So your club might start with an unaccredited show for the first time, to see if they enjoy the experience.

After a few years in the club, Gwen has found that the annual show provides great learning opportunities to hone her daylily growing skills. "Exhibiting in a daylily show is all about the bloom and scape. However, no amount of grooming can produce a winning bloom. This begins with good gardening habits. Exhibiting will encourage each gardener to increase his or her knowledge."

Nikki gets emails from members who are struggling to get their members "enthused about such an old-fashioned thing to do." She created a new colorful, informative PowerPoint presentation. She filled it with photos that are meant to stimulate discussion, enthusiasm and encouragement around accredited AHS Daylily Shows. She also peppered it with some educational information to get members excited about doing a show. Nikki is offering this presentation to your club if you need more ammunition to get your club to do a daylily show. You can download it here. <https://www.box.com/s/9pmgftjmfufvijllkdm>. This is for your private use and not for mass distribution in any other form like Facebook.

The next column will continue this discussion and concentrate on **HOW TO MAKE SHOWS MORE FUN FOR THE CLUB MEMBERS**...If you have any comments on this article, or something to add about what your club does to make the show more interesting for your members, please email Donna Peck ombudsman@daylilies.org. I'm hoping these comments will help make more clubs host a daylily show. I'm sure your members will enjoy the experience.

# In Memoriam



*H. 'White Stone' (Hassler, 2013)*

## Rod Adams

Rod Adams, a long-time member of the Louisville Area Daylily Society passed away in 2013. He was the first president of this society and had a big impact on the club.

## Cecil O. "Jack" Forrester

Jack passed away shortly before this issue went to press. His memorial will be in the next issue. This tribute by Karen Newman will do him honor until then. "Jack was a Vietnam War Veteran (US Air Force) who was exposed to Agent Orange. He'd been valiantly fighting the resulting spinal cancer for some time, but it was just too much for him. A while before he passed away, Janene Tidwell dialed my number for him and held the phone for him while he talked to me. It seems that Jack had bred the perfect spider. He registered it at 16 1/2 inches and named it 'Goliath On Steroids'. He said to me 'I know you grow plants for that boy from Canada (meaning Mick Morry) and I'm wondering if you'll grow my spider for me. The big boys are trying to get it from me, but I'd rather you grow it if you will.' I told him I'd be honored... and this coming year will be its second season in the Region 10 Display Bed. It's doing well. It's increasing nicely and I will especially enjoy the blooms this coming season. Rest in peace, my friend, and thank you for your service to our country!"

## Len Earl Rosser

Earl Rosser, one of the earliest members in the Middle Tennessee Daylily Society, passed away in September, 2013. In addition to being a Master Gardener, Earl was a hybridizer and remained interested in botany and horticulture. He was not only an Exhibitor Judge, but an instructor as well. He and his wife Laura have been active in Region 10 for many years. Earl was a past show chair of MTDS and always generous in sharing his knowledge and love of daylilies. When asked about his favorite, he always replied, "the one I saw last."



*H. 'How Sweet You Are' (Pickles, 2012)*  
(Photo by Janice Wood)

## Mona Faye Glass

Mona Faye Glass, 73, of Crestwood, Kentucky passed away on April 27, 2013 in Charleston, South Carolina. Mona was a homemaker, avid gardener, nature and animal lover. She was an avid daylily hybridizer with registered daylilies. She was a member of the LADS, DSL and AHS. Everyone is deeply saddened by this news and Mona will be sorely missed. Our deepest sympathy goes to Hubert with all the tenderness and friendship our club is so well known for in times of deep distress.

## Pearline Malone

It is with great sadness that we share the news of Pearline Malone's passing. Not long after the Region 10 tour she suffered a stroke followed by a number of complications. She was very generous and loyal and was greatly loved by all her fellow TCDS members. Not only was she a consummate gardener, she was also a graphic artist, musician and hiker. No matter what was happening in her life, she was always able to see the sunny side. And without intending to, she taught us all to be kinder and gentler just by her quiet example. She has left an indelible imprint on our hearts.

## Eva Fern Mann

On October 2, 2013 we lost one of our great daylily members. Fern fought a hard thirteen month battle with a rare liver cancer. Fern was a great lover of the daylily. She had a small beautiful garden at her home on Mud Island in Memphis. Later she moved to Lutheran Village in Bartlett where she maintained a large container garden of her favorite daylilies. She was a member of both the Memphis Area Daylily Society and the West Tennessee Daylily Society. She held offices in both clubs. Fern seldom missed a meeting of either club. She could be counted on to do any job that needed to be done. Fern attended many Regional 10 regional meetings and often attended the National Conventions. Fern not only loved daylilies, but she enjoyed flying air planes, riding horses and visiting with her friends. Fern was a true friend to all she met and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

## Barbara Jean "Bobbie" Williams

The Tri-Cities Daylily Society is very sad to report the loss of another beloved member this year. Bobbie was not just an avid gardener of daylilies, but loved all kinds of plants. She was a very active club member and participated in club trips as well as attending all meetings. As one of our original and most loyal members, she leaves an empty place in our hearts, but also leaves a wonderful example and inspiration.

# NEW LOCATION! NEW BEGINNING!



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Society – Region 2

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February 21-23, 2014  
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Phil Korth – Pinewood Gardens  
Melanie Mason – North Country Gardens  
David Kirchhoff – Daylily World  
Nan Ripley – Walkabout Gardens  
Paul Downie – Bees Garden  
Dan Bachman - Valley of the Daylilies  
Larry Work – Gardens in the Works

### **SPEAKERS – Other Topics**

Donna Krischan – digital photography  
Mike Georges - vermiculture  
Nate Bremer/Solaris Farms – peonies (and probably a few daylilies...)  
Bret Clement – Region 2 President

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# AHS Region 10 Business Meeting Minutes January 19, 2013

Will Coltharp was unable to attend the meeting due to his recent quadruple heart bypass surgery. He is currently home and resting (hopefully). Rich Rosen stood in for him to conduct the annual Region 10 Business Meeting calling the meeting to order at 6:30pm after the superb dinner at the Meadow View Conference Resort and Convention Center in Kingsport, TN.

Rich recognized all the clubs in Region 10 and those from other clubs outside of our region, then all the officers of Region 10 in attendance. He noted that next year's Region 10 meeting will be in Lexington, KY sponsored by the Bluegrass Daylily Society.

Rich then asked for approval of the minutes as published from the January Mid-Winter Symposium. David Kirchoff motioned approval and Dennis Hall second. Minutes approved.

Sandra Merritt presented the Treasurer's report for approval, noting that the website maintenance for the first quarters of 2013, the printing of the spring edition of the Daylily Appeal, postage and permits had been added to the expenses from the January report had been paid and that we need to establish an end date for the site since it will be on the AHS site under Region 10 information. David Kirchoff motioned to approve and Dennis Hall seconded. Members approved.

Rich explained that the Region 10 Website and maintenance fees are going away and that all Region 10 information will be on the AHS website which should cause less confusion.

Report from Mid Winter Symposium: Lee Pickles and David Kirchoff – all going well.

Report from Exhibition Judges -given by Sandra Merritt  
Clinic I – two registered but did not attend  
Clinic II – 3 students took exams  
Clinic III – 2 students

Report from Garden Judges - given by Bill Schardein  
Clinic I – 2 to audit the course  
Clinic II – 1 for credit and 1 for audit.

Bill Schardein encouraged everyone to become a Garden judge to help promote the daylilies of our Region 10. Rich agreed, saying that the Garden Judges get to vote on awards, honors, Stout Medal, merit and other special awards. This can be done while visiting the Regional and National meetings' garden tours or just by visiting the gardens in your area or while on trips. This also helps give our Region's hybridizers their due recognition.

Report from AHS Board Member - Rich Rosen said that since he took over the position there had not been any scheduled meetings. He will be attending his first meeting at the National Convention in Minnesota in July and then the October 2013 Board meeting with reports to follow.

Rich announced that ballots would be distributed for the election of the next Region 10 President. Will Coltharp had already accepted the nomination earlier. Sandra Merritt,



*H. 'Trenton Handicapper' (Oakes-M., 2012)  
(Photo by Marguerite Oakes)*

Chairperson for the Nominating Committee, then handed out the ballots for the election of the Regional President. Results: There were 59 votes for the re-election of the current RP and two write-in votes for Susan Okrasinski. When the re-election of Will (Bud) Coltharp was announced at dinner the following night, there was thunderous applause from the entire group.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The Region 10 Budget has been completed by Will Coltharp. Rich deferred this until Will can be there to present and have discussion.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Brenda Macy proposed that Region 10 make a \$50 donation to AHS in memory of Claude Butterfield, a longtime member of AHS, who had recently passed away. David Kirchoff approved and Dennis Hall seconded the motion. All members approved.

With no further business to present, the meeting was motioned to adjourn at 6:55pm by Lee Pickles and David Kirchoff.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Schardein  
Region 10 Secretary

# AHS Region 10 Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2013 – June 20, 2013

Balance from Treasurer's report December 2012 .....\$13,768.28

Income:

AHS Newsletter Reimbursement.....622.00

MWS - Auctions/Raffle.....6910.50

MWS - Registration fees (2013) ..... 5340.00

Total Income .....\$12,872.50

Expenses:

AHS board member Fall mtg. expenses .....\$ 336.18

Editor's fee - Fall/Winter Appeal..... 750.00

Incorporation reinstatement fee ..... 70.00

Office Supplies and Postage..... 66.79

Printing (The Daylily Appeal) ..... 2070.00

Postage & permit (The Daylily Appeal) ..... 370.00

Website maintenance..... 60.00

MWS – Auction plant shipping..... 834.00

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

Food, beverages, hotel costs (mtg. room rental, gratuities, tax, A/V equipment)..... 7,813.35

Printing (attendees, name badges, handouts)..... 168.41

Registration Refunds..... 360.00

Speaker rooms..... 2,311.54

Speaker travel..... 2,793.13

Wineception ..... 18.18

Total .....\$ 19,031.72

Balance on June 20, 2013 .....\$ 7,609.06

Sandra Merritt, Treasurer  
AHS Region 10

## AHS Conventions Ahead

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| 2014 | Western North Carolina Daylily Society<br>June 25-29, 2014<br>Asheville, NC  |
| 2015 | The Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta &<br>The Cobb County Daylily Society<br>June 10-13, 2015<br>Atlanta, GA       |
| 2016 | The Daylily Society of Louisville &<br>The Louisville Area Daylily Society<br>June 29-July 2, 2016<br>Louisville, KY |



*H. 'Classy Columbus' (Rice, 2011)*  
(Photo by Janice Wood)

# Club Reports

## NEW CLUB IN REGION 10!

Region 10 is very excited to present a new club that has been formed in Kentucky this year. Wishing them much success and growth (both in members and daylilies!) in the future, everyone should do what they can to encourage them. The story of their beginnings and activities is a good reminder for everyone and starts off the club reports.

### Kentucky Daylily Fans

By Laura Teague - Madisonville, KY

Kentucky Daylily Fans sprouted from a group of four Master Gardeners who are daylily addicts. One of the ladies knew a man just south of Henderson, KY who sold daylilies, and she took us to buy some. As we got to know him, he invited us to the sales and club meetings of the daylily club in Evansville, IN, SWIDS, (Southwestern Indiana Daylily Society). All four of us joined that club in the fall of 2010, and were introduced by one of us as the "Sod Sisters" and have been called that ever since. I became very active in that club, and am vice-president, as well as being sales co-chair for two years. Two of us have also attended the Mid-Winter Symposium in Nashville for three years and also last year's national convention in Columbus, and are registered for the Minneapolis convention as well.

However, Evansville is an hour drive from Madisonville and one of the Sod Sisters lives a half hour south of us. She got tired of driving an hour and a half back home at night after the meeting, so dropped out. We had tossed around the idea of starting our own club, since there is not one in western Kentucky. I talked to someone else last year at the Nashville MWS, and I was sent a packet of materials about starting a club. We e-mailed everybody in our Master Gardener's group and also the local herb club, and decided to have an organizational meeting in August, 2012. We had a reasonable response, and had nine people at our first meeting. We have met every month since, on the 1st Thursday evening of the month, usually at somebody's house, and for awhile had about seven at a meeting. We chose the name KENTUCKY DAYLILY FANS, which one of our newbies very cleverly thought of, and chose officers. We haven't made any by-

laws or anything at this point. We're not very formal, and since there are just a few of us, it hasn't seemed necessary yet.

It is a very small club, but we have two or three people who are new to daylilies, and it is so much fun to indoctrinate them. One of our new people also went to the Nashville symposium with the two of us who always go. Unfortunately, several people kept having conflicts with the meeting time. So I thought of a strategy to encourage attendance. Since many of my daylilies are in need of dividing, I thought I would offer an incentive this spring. I made a list of about 150 plants that I will try to dig some time this season. Then I e-mailed everybody with the news that my plants would be free to club members, and they would get a chance to choose what they wanted at the next meeting. The attendance was much better! We had no money, except the \$12 dues we collected from members, which gave us enough money to join AHS as a club. But we got our first opportunity to add to the treasury this spring. The Master Gardeners had a Lawn and Garden Fair, and we sold the leftover daylilies from about sixty plants I dug. Everyone in the club pitched and helped wash and pot them for the sale. We made \$365! Not bad for our first sale! Even better, SWIDS let us bring our left-overs to their sale in May and we made another \$250. Now we can decide whether we



Kentucky Daylily Fans (Photo by Marguerite Oakes)

want to spend the money on a speaker's expenses, or on new plants. The main benefit, though, was not the money, it was the way this activity pulled everyone together and made us feel like a real club.

Since we have not had money to get speakers, we listed topics of interest, and everybody picked a topic to present at one of the meetings. We planned two trips in June, one to Marguerite Oakes' Trenton Daylilies, and another to Daylily World and Thoroughbred Daylilies. Although we never made it to Thoroughbred Daylilies, we really enjoyed the other two trips. We are very encouraged about our new club, and hope to add new members soon.

### Blue Grass Hemerocallis Society

By Martha Chamberlain - Columbia, KY

*President: Elizabeth Trotter*

*Vice President: John Rice*

*Secretary: Debbie Monbeck*

*Treasurer: Debbie Smith*

*Webmaster: Elizabeth Trotter*

*Newsletter: Susan Jordan*

*Parliamentarian: Martha Chamberlain*

The February meeting of the Blue Grass Hemerocallis Society featured Dan Bachman of the Valley of the Daylilies. He specializes in spider and unusual form daylilies and had lovely pictures to show. He has a historic daylily listing of 256 pre-1980 cultivars. Many of these are hard to find. He also has a good selection of perennials in his nursery. His daylilies have won several awards. You can't go wrong in asking Dan to speak to a group.

The March meeting speaker was Mort Morss who told about his hybridizing program and showed pictures of his introductions. He has beautiful daylilies and many more coming in the future. His patterns are especially distinctive as are his purples. His presentation was most engaging and illuminating.

Our April meeting was our annual Bingo which everyone enjoyed. Debbie Smith did a good job of organizing it, and Paul Clough always does an excellent job of calling the numbers. Everyone went home with some nice daylilies which came from club members' gardens.

During the month of May, we had a spring auction of plants from Dan Bachman, Daylily World, and also generous member donations.

June was a busy month with our annual picnic which was again held indoors due to rain. We also had our 60th Diamond Jubilee Daylily Show. Several members had an open garden the next day.

In July several of our members attended the Region 10 regional meeting in Kingsport, Tennessee. They reported that they enjoyed visiting all the gardens that were on the tour. Several of our members went to the AHS National in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Congratulations to John Rice for his winning an Award of Merit with Bass Gibson, and to David Kirchhoff for winning the Early Season Bloom Award with Coyote Moon. Annette and John Rice won Honorable Mention for Trifecta and How Lovely You Are. David Kirchhoff won for Grapefruit Truffle, Fabulous Frieda, Ruffled Truffle, and Tutti Fruitti Truffle. Mort Morss won for Moroccan Madness and Black Lapis.

In August we had our Private Sale which was hosted by Annette and John Rice at their beautiful Thoroughbred Daylilies. Members always work hard to try to get in the first round for shopping, and this year was no exception as there was fierce but friendly competition for the healthy, large selections of newer introductions. Committee members Elizabeth Trotter, Jackie Canner, Debbie Monbeck, and Kayla Jones did an excellent job of organizing the sale, and it sold out. In September we have our fall auction. In October we look forward to hearing Eric Simpson of Cavalier Daylily Gardens.

In addition to all usual club activities, we're also working hard on planning for the Regional to be held in Lexington July 3-5, 2014. Mark your calendars now!

## Daylily Society of Louisville

By Richard Porter - Louisville, KY

*President: Chris Schardein*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Claudia Wolff*  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Don Wolff*

*Treasurer: Bev Crittenden*  
*Recording Secretary: Helen Porter*  
*Corresponding Secretary: Richard Porter*

Our year began in February at a new location, the Farmdale Church of the Nazarene. We are now centrally located in Jefferson County and monthly rent is within our budget. New officers were introduced as follows: Chris Schardein, president; Claudia Wolff, 1st V.P.; Don Wolff, 2nd V.P. and Don has also assumed Editor of our monthly bulletin, The Escape; Bev Crittenden, treasurer; Helen Porter, recording secretary, and Richard Porter, corresponding secretary. A power point re-cap of the 2012 AHS Convention was Brenda Macy's program.

March meeting heard from Lee Squires, Superintendent of the huge renowned Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville. Cave Hill covers 300 acres, opened in 1848; and is one of 20 Rural Gardens Cemeteries nationwide. They employ 7 to 13 full time gardeners.

April taught us about "pest management" through natural means with lecturer Blair Leno-Helvey, owner of Entomology Solutions, LLC. Beneficial insects were identified as well. May, preparation for our Flower Show and Sale next month were outlined by the Show Chair; Bill Schardein, local hybridizer and owner of Creekside Gardens, gave a very educational program on his hybridizing efforts.

June was given over to our 20th Annual Daylily Show and Sale which will be at Mid-City Mall, Louisville, Ky. Helen Porter and Don Wolff, both AHS Exhibition Judges, covered the ins and outs of exhibiting winning daylily flowers. Richard Porter, Show Chair, gave last minute information for our members. Doris Stonska, Sale Chair, covered information for that event.

Fun in July with a superb picnic meeting at the Creekside Gardens of Chris and Bill Schardein. Members were thanked for the fantastic Show and Sale conducted last month. Several members attended the Regional in Kingsport, TN. and had a wonderful time. August featured the educational program of our club member, Don Wolff. Many of his introductions have interesting stories behind their names. Kevin Walek may want to do a story for the national AHS on Don's names! In September we will have our Fall picnic at Creasy Mahan Nature Preserve. In October, immediate past president, Bill Gdaniec will present a power point on his hybridizing program. It should be very educational.

## East Tennessee Daylily Society

By Maurice Greene - Knoxville, TN

*President: Maurice Greene*  
*Vice President: Scott Watson*  
*Secretary: B.B. Collins*  
*Treasurer: Jack Collins*

Our initial meeting for 2013 was held on Tuesday, March 19 at Harvest Park.

It was noted that Jack and Geraldine Couturier were moving back to Michigan. For around 25 years, they have been very faithful members of our club, and Geraldine has served as President, Vice President, and

Chairperson of our National Convention and at least two regional meetings. They have been generous in many ways, including donating the bulk of the plants for many club sales and providing land for a club garden. In addition, they could always be counted on to provide 40 or 50 entries in our flower shows. We certainly hate to see them leave, and wish them well in their new adventures.

The primary business actions at the meeting were related to initiating preparations to host the 2015 Region 10 annual meeting. Maurice Greene was elected to serve as the chair of the meeting, Dottie Greene was elected to check on procuring a suitable meeting venue and busses, and Scott Watson was elected to select and schedule the gardens for the tour that is part of a regional meeting.

Our second meeting was held on Wednesday, May 8, also at Harvest Park. The primary business at this meeting was a review of all of the tasks necessary to hold a regional, with some discussions on how these might be assigned.

Our third meeting was held on Wednesday, July 10 at Harvest Park. Observations from those who had attended the excellent 2013 Regional meeting in Kingsport led to more discussion about our club holding a regional in 2015. There are valid concerns based on our very low membership count, due to the fact that we presently don't have enough members to cover all necessary tasks. We are also a bit short on garden sites. These matters are being reviewed.

## Louisville Area Daylily Society

By Michael Stephens – Louisville, KY

*President: Michael Stephens*

*This has been one busy year for the members of LADS. It has also been a sad year with the passing of long time members and friends Mona Glass and Rod Adams (who was the first President of LADS). Along with passing of Jim King last year, our club has lost a lot of valuable members.*

*We start off the year with our planning meeting in January. We decided on the trips, sales and events for the year. In February we had Entomologist Blair Leano-Helvey who spoke on beneficial and harmful insects. In March we had Rich Rosen with a presentation on past AHS National Conventions. There were lots of wonderful pictures of gardens and flowers. Everyone was amazed with all of the gardens. In April we had our Hybridizer Reward Program at JoAnn Luecke's Garden. Everyone voted on Tim Bell's plants this year for the program. Members will grow them for two years then bring back two double fans for our auction in August.*

*May was a very busy month. We had our Locust Grove Gardener's Fair on Mother's Day weekend. It was a Friday, Saturday and Sunday sale. Lots of vendors were there. You can find a lot of unique items for your garden there. The week before the sale Bob Hill of Hidden Hill Nursery asked us for some daylilies for Botanica or Waterfront Botanical Gardens here in Louisville. Bob*

*said they are doing a Founders' Garden at the Heigold House facade and needed 24 double fans of yellow daylilies and wanted Stellas. We advised him that we can come up with some other daylilies that are yellow also. The thing is they wanted them the same weekend that we were going to be at Locust Grove. There was no way. They said ok the next weekend was fine plus it rained on us Friday so they could not plant that Saturday anyway. So after the sale we started to look around to see what we had in our LADS Garden and member's garden. I was looking for Kentucky hybridizers for plants. Well we came up with "Helen Harrigan" "Googies" by John Rice, "Apricot Cream Truffle" "Betty Woods" by David Kirchhoff and "A Guy named Guy" by Don Wolff and many more that we have listed on the LADS web site. Twenty four total. Our May meeting was at Thieneman's Herbs and Perennials and we made Hypertufa planters. We had a blast. Everyone had a great time.*

*Moving on we had our June meeting at Hubert Glass Garden. Everyone had a great time visiting with Hubert. On our first trip we went to Kingsport, TN. We headed out that Friday morning. They were five of us. We toured the open gardens on the way down. We all had a wonderful time. They did a great job on putting on the Regional. The gardens, the people and the food were wonderful. Thank you.*

*In July we had a trip planed but we all decided to do a LADS members open gardens instead. It was a little late but we did see some late blooming flowers. On the last garden we had a picnic and meeting. Everyone's garden looked great. We cannot wait until next year to do it again. Next, some of us went to Minneapolis, Minnesota for the National Convention. Oh the tour gardens were spectacular. We rented a car for Wednesday and Thursday so we can go to the open gardens before the bus tours start. We drove and drove we had David Kirchhoff with us Thursday. We all had a blast and so much fun. The National was wonderful everyone had a great time.*

*In August we had our Frank Otte sale at the Frank Otte Nursery. They clean out everything from the tables in the front and they have the hosta, iris, fern, daffodils, and daylily clubs come out with their plants, set up on Friday then sale on the first Saturday in August from 8:00am to 12:00pm. They have been doing this for at least twenty years. This was our last great sale of the year. Coming up is the auction/picnic/meeting at John Morgan's house.*

*September is a picnic and Daylily Bingo at Doris Stonska's house. October is Rachel Stiedl on her hybridizing program. November is our very own Bill Selhorst on his hybridizing program. Then December is the Christmas party. Hope everyone had a great year.*

## Memphis Area Daylily Society

By Janice Wood – Memphis, TN

*President- Pat Bevill  
Vice-President- Janice Wood  
Secretary- Fern Mann  
Treasurer- Margaret Dixon  
Webmaster- Matt Henry*

The Memphis Area Daylily Society started our 51st year with our officers being re-elected for another year. Matt Henry continues to improve our web site, [www.memphisdaylily.com](http://www.memphisdaylily.com). Our February meeting included a PowerPoint program of Daylily Eye Candy from 2008 AHS Reg 2 Summer Meeting in Madison Wisconsin from the AHS Media library and a preview presentation of Reg 10 gardens for the upcoming meeting in Tri-Cities area of East Tennessee put together by Susan Okrasinski. These were to give club members



“Lilies On My Mind” (Photo by Janice Wood)

an idea of what they would see should they decide to attend the Region 10 meeting or National convention this year.

The March meeting included a PowerPoint show of some of the open gardens and tour gardens from the 2012 AHS National Convention in Columbus Ohio given by Janice Wood.

Prior to the March meeting the officers and several committee chairmen met to discuss plans for the coming year and was quite productive to adding and improving activities for our club members. One of these ideas was to buy a collection of plants from a hybridizer to auction at our April meeting. This would bring some new plants into our daylily gardens to evaluate. We decided to buy plants from Brown’s Ferry daylily Gardens and Charles and Heidi Douglas sent lovely plants and were very generous with bonuses. The auction was quite lively.

The May meeting was Part 2 of the AHS National convention in Columbus, which included the Gossard and Lucius gardens including lots of shots of garden art. At the end of May Club members traveled by bus to Terah and Jesse George’s JTM garden near Jasper Al. I

am surprised the bus could hold the people with all the plants added.

In June the club had its annual Daylily Sale and Daylily Off Scape Display. Suggestions from the Mid-Winter Symposium were added with great results. We had a judged photography display for club members. Winners were Margaret Dixon, first place: Matt Henry, second place; and Janice Wood, third place. Another wonderful addition was flower arrangements using daylilies as part of the flowers. Darlene Glisson contacted local flower clubs to invite them to bring arrangements. This added height and focal points to the tables of beautiful blooms. We had over 300 beautiful blooms of all sizes, forms and colors to display. We asked attendees to mark peoples choice ballots of their favorites. Most popular were HILLBILLY HEART, SCARLET ORBIT and LACY BORDER. Many lovely photos of blooms and daylily arrangements are on our website.

## Middle Tennessee Daylily Society

By Jack Alexander – Nashville, TN

President: Jack Alexander

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Karen Snyder

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Ellyn Wilbur

Recording Secretary: David Wilbur

Corresponding Secretary: Linda Hassler

Treasurer: Sandra Merritt

Historian: Jay Turman

CAP Program Chairperson: Pam Kolbe

Parliamentarian: Larry Brown

Our April MTDS club meeting hosted Herbie Phelps who discussed his hybridizing program and shared his adventure into growing and hybridizing daylilies. The club really enjoyed his low-key but entertaining program.

In May, our annual Cultivar Acquisition Program and auction was held at Cheekwood. The auction was a big success and about 23 people got brand new cultivars as part of the award program.

In June, the club meeting program was how to prepare daylilies for the daylily show. Then we had a terrific show and the sale was a great success. Next, Breakfast in the Garden was held at the home of Greg and Arnette Zapel. The hosts were so welcoming and really put out the spread. They even donated and gave out daylily doorprizes. It was truly a treat to visit their garden.

In September, a “potting party” will be held to pot up plants to winter over for the Lawn and Garden Show Sale next March. Our Fall Outing will include a presentation by Paul Owen. We are really looking forward to his presentation and a first glimpse of his garden that will be on the national tour in 2014.

## TN Valley Daylily Society

By Karen Newman – Delano, TN

President: Jane Dixon

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Lee Pickles

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Joan Trundle

*Treasurer: Libby Hickman*  
*Secretary/Reporter: Karen Newman*

The first half of 2013 began with our February 9th meeting at the Rib and Loin in Hixson, TN. The tables were beautifully decorated with Valentine's Day goodies (including red velvet cupcakes) for each place setting compliments of Jane Dixon (President) and Libby Hickman (Treasurer).

In spite of the festive occasion, it was a sad time because we learned of the passing of one of our members, Randy Lee. A copy of The New Encyclopedia of Daylilies was donated to the East Ridge Library in Randy's memory.

Stockdale's sponsored our February meeting and provided several door prizes. Members will reciprocate by visiting their store—it's a win-win!

Larry Holcomb, owner of WindWood Bulk Center in Ringgold, GA provided a free 40 pound bag of planting mix for each member and gave a short presentation on the mix and his business. Several members are already customers and testified to the high quality of Larry's products.

Our February program was presented by Linda and Sam Hassler of Lilies of the Field Daylily Gardens. They probably drive farther than any other members to come to our meetings since they live in Crossville, TN and are also active members of the Middle Tennessee club. Linda presented a knock-out PowerPoint presentation on their garden and their hybridizing program. It included photos of their seven grandchildren, who put twinkle in their eyes when they talk about them and some real eye candy in their new introductions.

Both Sam and Linda have several registrations. Cultivars I particularly liked are two of their 2013 Introductions: HIDDEN MANNA and PRETTIER SISTER. Their 2013 introductions include: ANNA BANANA (which polys about 50% of the time), LILY GRACIOUS, LOUDEST PRAISE, WHITE STONE and NOT TOO SHABBY. This was a most informative program given by one of the most energetic ladies I've ever met.

We met back at the Rib and Loin on April 13th for our bi-monthly meeting. Our sponsors for this meeting were Lowe's and Home Depot. Not to be outdone, they each provided nice door prizes. Again, a win-win!

Following a PowerPoint promotion of the Region 10 Summer Meeting to be hosted by the Tri-Cities club on June 21-22, President Jane Dixon gave us snippets of information regarding several matters of club importance. The program was then turned over to our guest presenter, Melanie Mason of North Country Daylilies (and Longlesson Farm) in Upstate New York (near Albany). Melanie presented a most informative and entertaining PowerPoint presentation dealing with hardiness zones and factors that influence daylily growth. She mentioned that the heat and cold in her climate zone affects the development of patterns, edges and even colors.

Melanie referred us to [www.weatherunderground.com](http://www.weatherunderground.com) to plug in our personalized zone information. Follow the links for "History and Almanac", "Custom" and "Your Zip Code". This should give the heating, cooling and growing degree days for your area. She also stressed that

daylilies need to be grown outside and in dirt to grow the best. She finished her presentation by auctioning twenty-five of her introductions which were snapped up in a very short time.

The meeting ended on a sad note when we were informed of the passing of another club member, Bob Forsten. A copy of The New Encyclopedia of Daylilies was donated to the Clyde W. Roddy Public Library in Dayton, TN in his memory.

The next meeting was on June 1st and was presented by Jay Turman. Jay's topic was "Getting Ready for the Daylily Show"...a timely subject since our annual show would be coming up the following week. It was excellent coverage on every topic related to putting on a show, including an explanation of the show program. After the slide show, Jay demonstrated grooming a live daylily. Show results are detailed elsewhere in this issue of The Daylily Appeal.

New club plants purchased from Karol Emmerich were distributed (by drawing) and the two-year increase on plants previously purchased from Tim Bell were auctioned.

As the first half of 2013 quickly slipped by, bloom season is mostly history for this year and many of our members are re-working their gardens for the 2014 bloom season. We anxiously await our August meeting and the arrival of David Kirchhoff and Mort Morss for what is always an exciting get-together.

## 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*

What an exciting and busy summer this has been for the Tri-Cities Daylily Society as we hosted the Region 10 Summer Meeting in June! This was certainly the highlight of our year. Thanks to those of you who chose to Gather at the Meadow with us in Kingsport. Attendance of 108 guests exceeded our expectations. In addition to Tennessee and Kentucky, attendees represented the states of Georgia, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Ohio, Mississippi, Illinois, and Alabama. We were thankful for the wonderful weather and enjoyed the good food provided by MeadowView Convention Center. Unfortunately, we were 1½ weeks ahead of our peak bloom season. But, we hope you enjoyed visiting the gardens and visiting with fellow daylily "fans."

Speaking of bloom season, this has been the best ever! As we all know, daylilies love water. There was no short supply of that in East Tennessee this summer. Blooms have been abundant and exceptionally large, with many re-blooms. Personally, this has been my most enjoyable daylily season ever.

Other club events included our August annual picnic and auction on Bays Mountain. As usual, the food was delicious, and members had an

opportunity to purchase bargain-priced plants and other gardening items. Our talented auctioneer Chuck Conner kept things moving at a fast pace. Other planned events include a late September meeting with club member and Master Gardener Phil Ramey presenting a program on raised-bed gardening. We will conclude the year with our annual Christmas gathering. We will begin discussing 2014 activities which will include encouraging our members to plan on attending next summer's regional in Lexington as well as the national convention in Western North Carolina.

From the Tri-Cities Daylily Society, we wish you a beautiful fall and wonderful holiday season.

## West TN Daylily Society

By Carol Sims - Jackson, TN

*President - Lorene Crone*

*1st Vice President - Phillip Sims*

*2nd Vice President - Jimmy Jordan*

*Treasurer - Louis Crawford*

*Corresponding Secretary - Carol Sims*

*Historian - Mary Wray*

*The West TN Daylily Society has been busy this spring. Our first club activity was the annual Spring Daylily Sale. It was unusually chilly this year, especially for the first weekend in May. Sales Chairman Danny Robinson and his wife Robbie arrived early at the West TN Ag Center to set up tables and chairs. It seemed strange to see some of the workers wearing winter coats, but those*

*that brought them were glad they did. Club members brought a wide variety of daylilies to sell, and the fresh, hot McDonald's coffee and sausage biscuits took some of the chill off the early morning. For the last two years, the sale has been held in conjunction with the local Master Gardener's Club. This has proven to be a real asset to our sale. Not only is the club exposing a wide variety of cultivars to the general gardening public, but the sale of daylilies is increasing. For the first time, all of the daylilies sold out before the sale's official ending time.*

*In June, the club held its annual Daylily Show at the Old Hickory Mall in Jackson, TN, chaired by Lorene Crone. Because of scheduling conflicts, this year's show was held June 7, which is early in our blooming season. With an early show and a late spring, many club members were uncertain as to which flowers would be blooming for the show, as well as how many would be blooming. The night before the show, club members arrived at the mall to help with the table setup for the following day. Everything was done in no time as "many hands made light work." The following day, 92 beautiful entries came rolling in. The beauty of the daylilies displayed drew the interest of the mall shoppers, even to the point that people were trying to walk about the tables and look at flowers while the judges were working. Although there were not flower entries or winners for every category, the show was a great success. The flowers were gorgeous, and the fellowship was fantastic, as old and new friends came together to share the benefits and beauty of growing daylilies.*



West TN Daylily Society (Photo by Carol Sims)

## **Did You Overlook Something???**

**AHS Region 10 Mid-Winter Symposium is February 7-9 in Nashville. The information and registration are on page 9. Sign up now - the sooner the better!**



*H.* 'Moroccan Madness'(Morss, 2005) Winner of the Region 10 hybridizer  
best clump award at the 2013 Region 10 Meeting and Garden Tours  
(Photo by Susan Okrasinski)

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American Hemerocallis Society

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