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H. 'Ariel's Starfish'



Don Wolff Seedling

DON WOLFF

Winner of the 2020 Virginia Peck Award for Hybridizing



H. 'Bourbon and a Fine Cigar'



H. 'Tickle the Octopus'

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- Photographs
- Club News & Events
- Garden Articles
- Non-commercial profiles of Region 10 Hybridizers
- Articles related to daylilies and their culture

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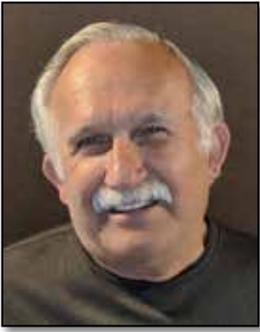
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Bill Schardein

A Spring/Summer To Remember (or forget!!)

I am sure that I am like everyone else in this nation who would like to forget that this year ever happened! Chris and I had so many plans for what we would be doing this spring and summer but that all came to a halt when we started learning more and more about the "Corona Virus". Most of us are not old enough to remember some of the other pandemics that have hit our nation in years past thankfully, but we have all been given a new outlook on how our lives can be changed ever so quickly as has been this year's picture.

We were really hoping when the word came out that the National Convention "could" be canceled that it would not happen. Even though we had so many plans for trolley rides, boat rides and beautiful gardens to see in Savannah, GA, we knew that the right decision had been made for the safety of all those who would have attended when the final word arrived, "CANCELED".

But we still held out hope that our Regional Meeting might just slip through and be able to come about. Even though that too finally got canceled, I was very happy that the LADS group decided to at least have the open garden tours for anyone who wished to attend. We had all done a lot of work since the first of the year in our gardens since we were basically quarantined to our homes and were all anxious to have everyone see the fruits of our labor!

From what we heard from all the other gardens, even though it started out misty, looking like rain was coming, the whole day was perfect for the daylily blooms and all who ventured through the gardens. Everyone had a full day of nonstop visitors and luckily we made it through without rain. It did however come about an hour after our last visitor left with a torrential downpour and even dropped a four inch wide, fifteen foot limb just at our back door to boot! We had to stop and thank God that it didn't happen while our visitors were out there.

Chris and I were able to give out sixty plus "LUCKY LADS" to those who came to our garden as these were going to be given to all the Regional attendees at the Friday night meeting at our house. Chris said she really missed getting to have that meeting especially since the LADS were hosting a dessert feast (with Becky Scarborough's magical creations) that she had been looking forward to for so long!

In case you may not have heard, a good friend to the AHS family, Maurice Greene passed away suddenly in June. We have sent a \$100.00 memorial gift to the American Hemerocallis Society. Please remember his family at this time.

Now brings us to the daunting look at what was going to happen for the 2021 Mid-Winter Symposium. The hotel was going to "work with us", but not until October to see how any new mandates would be in place that could keep us from hosting the 31st Mid-Winter Symposium. Chris had been in contact with the Hotel and even tried to reschedule the date until February 2022, but was told that this was considered to

be a cancellation of contract that would result in a substantial cancellation fee that would hit the bank account harder than we could stand. They told Chris to keep in touch, and that they would work with us in the event that it could still be held (possibly with lower head and room counts to reduce costs). This was in late May and early June. They then told her not to contact them until the first week of October as they were dealing with current contracts.

Luckily, when Chris called back in October she was able to work with our original contact person, Jade, who in turn was able to convince the upper management to let us move our 2021 MWS date to 2022 without cancellation or other fees. We will still have to work around any new guidelines that we may be facing at that time, but hopefully there will be a vaccine in place to lower the fears as we have all witnessed this past year. So now you can mark your calendars for February 4th through the 6th, 2022, for the next MWS and hope we will see all our regular attendees and others at that event!

And finally, we hope the majority of you sent your Popularity Poll ballots back to Tucker Gaby for tabulation and later reporting before the September 1st deadline. The last time we talked with him, he only had ten returned ballots. We need to have a good showing from all our members.

Pray for a better year next year! And as they say in show biz, that's all folks. !

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MWS PHOTO CONTEST

Even though the 2021 Mid-Winter Symposium will not be taking place, The Daylily Appeal will continue to sponsor a digital photography contest for 2021. This year a panel of 3-4 judges will select their favorite for each category. The winning photographs along with the runners-up will be featured in the Spring Summer issue of The Daylily Appeal. The contest guidelines are outlined below:

CATEGORIES

Images of AHS Registered Daylilies — May be single or multiple bloom images registered in the AHS database.

Garden Landscapes — A significant part of the landscape must include daylilies.

Artistic Shots — May include close-ups of flowers, garden vignettes, insects, birds, etc. Photos featuring daylilies, a part of a daylily, or a daylily motif will be given judging preference.

RULES

- Contestants must be AHS members of Region 10.
- Previous winning photographs from other AHS photography contests are not eligible.
- Images are due to the Digital Photography Contest Coordinator by **December 31 each year**. They may be sent by e-mail or on CD or DVD. Entries must also clearly identify the contestant's name, address, phone number and e-mail address (if available). **Entries should be sent to willcol841@aol.com**. Contact name is Will Coltharp, 5436 Leipers Creek Rd, Franklin, TN 37064
- Entries are limited to 3 images per category per person. Each entry must be clearly identified as to the category of submission.
- Images must come with permission to use and re-use by AHS Region 10 and AHS. PDF permission form can be downloaded from the AHS website.
- Garden Landscape photos must identify the featured garden by owner name and location.
- Images must be in .jpg format and have a high enough resolution to provide good print quality: Suggested megabyte size is 1-4 MB (when closed). For daylilies images, identify the name of the cultivar, hybridizer and year of registration. There is no restriction on the age of the images in any category as to when they were taken.
- Artistic shots should have a short description of the featured daylily with any object of interest. (Identifying information may be included in e-mails with attached photos or it can be included in a separate written document.
- Limited cropping or editing of digital images is permissible to remove blemishes and improve composition. No borders or texts should be used on the images.
- A panel of 3-4 judges will evaluate all entries based on clarity, accuracy of color, and composition. Of these judges, at least two must be members of AHS. Judges or their family members are not eligible to compete.

Entries must be submitted by
December 31, 2020



From the
NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Will Coltharp

Welcome to the Fall/Winter, 2020 issue of The Daylily Appeal! The year, 2020, has been quite a year with many calendar adjustments and meeting cancellations due to Covid-19. However daylily people are resilient and the gardening continued in spite of the challenges being thrown at us. I'm pleased to feature in this issue articles on two Region 10 AHS Display Gardens, Rivertrail Garden in Memphis, TN, owned by Janice Wood and another that some may not know about, The Western Kentucky Botanical Daylily Garden in Owensboro, KY. I've been trying for several years to find out more about the latter garden and finally was able to get a contact for the garden who was gracious enough to write an article for The Daylily Appeal. Even though the Summer Regional Meeting was officially canceled the scheduled gardens were still open for touring and we are pleased to be able to feature a pictorial tour. A special thanks goes out to Linda Luck and the Louisville group for persevering in spite of the 2020 challenges. Everyone appreciates your dedication and hard work that went into making the gardens available for tour. Here's looking forward to a great 2021!

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From the
REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Tucker Gaby

Hello everyone! Tucker Gaby here reporting in as your Region 10 Publicity Director. It has been a long and rough journey for many of us during this pandemic of Covid-19. I am sure we all can say it is about time for this to be over. A few things that I have seen that are somewhat positive through this pandemic include spending time home with my family. My dad spent numerous hours weeding our daylily garden. I'm not particularly eager to weed; I prefer to buy and show. I was so thankful when school started in August that my school was able to attend in person. I had not seen many of my friends since March when we began virtual learning from home.

I am sure I was not the only one disappointed that Covid-19 canceled the National Convention in Savannah, Georgia, this year. This year would have been my 8th consecutive national convention. I am sorry to report that my graduation ceremony is right in the middle of the National Convention next year in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Unless I can convince my mom to let me go, I guess I will be walking across the stage instead of walking through some fantastic daylily gardens that I have never seen. My dad was gracious enough to drive me to Savannah, even though Covid-19 canceled the National Convention. I thoroughly enjoyed the Joiners' garden and was amazed at each cultivar's numerous fans at Scott Elliot's garden.

I want to give a special thanks to all that voted in this year's Region 10 popularity poll contest. Please see the full article in this magazine for the complete write up on the results. I can honestly say that "Bass Gibson" truly deserved to win this year. "Bass Gibson" grew well in my garden and was quickly the "flower of the day" several times this year. I am sure I am not the only one that genuinely missed not getting to show my daylilies this year. I guess I will have to wait until next year to beat my dear friend and mentor "JIM"!

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2020 POPULARITY POLL RESULTS

A special thanks to the 49 members from Region 10 who took the time to vote in this year's Popularity Poll. This is only 17% of the total 288 members within Kentucky and Tennessee. Please encourage your fellow club members to vote next year. This should be an honor to tell others what performs well in our region. 2020 Popularity Poll winners are:

- 1st:** • H. 'Bass Gibson' (15 Votes)
2nd: • H. 'Brookwood Black Kitten' (14 Votes)
3rd: • H. 'Bays Mountain Sunshine' (12 Votes)
• H. 'Double Blue Blood' (12 Votes)
• H. 'God Save the Queen' (12 Votes)

Bass Gibson is a repeat winner (*most votes in 2018*) within Region 10.

Please encourage your show chairman to include the retired cultivars to the Popularity Poll Section for all 2021 Daylily shows!

Region 10 Daylily Hall of Fame consists of the following cultivars:

- H. 'Fairy Wings'
1961, 1962, 1967
- H. 'Frances Fay'
1963, 1964, 1965
- H. 'Winning Ways'
1970, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976
- H. 'Mary Todd'
1977, 1979, 1982
- H. 'Ruffled Apricot'
1983, 1984, 1985, 1986
- H. 'Fairy Tale Pink'
1988, 1989, 1990*, 1991
- H. 'Barbara Mitchell'
1990*, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998
- H. 'Autumn Wood'
2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007*
- H. 'Red Volunteer'
2006, 2007*, 2008*, 2009
- H. 'Primal Scream'
2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015
- H. 'Webster's Pink Wonder'
2016, 2017, 2019*

(*indicates 1st Place tie)

The cultivars listed above have won first place in the Popularity Poll three times and cannot be considered in future voting.

Information taken from AHS website under Region 10 David Hall Memorial Award



From the
AHS REGION 10 DIRECTOR

MaryAnn Duncan

Since I last wrote this column in early March, the world has changed in ways we could hardly fathom in the modern age of medical science. Summer gatherings of meetings, daylily shows and garden tours were canceled as was the AHS National Convention.

The AHS Board of Directors was able to meet via a Zoom conference with only five or six attending in person and another 25 or so online. The six + hour meeting went very smoothly and another is planned for our October meeting in Hattiesburg, MS.

As mentioned in this column previously, several changes to the bylaws were enacted. Sadly of the nearly 5,000 AHS members, only 142 returned their ballots which were inserted in the spring edition of The Daylily Journal and 68 percent of those voted aye. A quorum of only 100 voting members was needed for the vote to be legal.

The registrar reported there are 91,957 registered daylilies as of May 26, 2020, which included 2500 new registrations in 2019. The Archives Committee reported they are screening slides that have been sent in from older hybridizers. The Photo Committee has the Daylily Journal photo index updated. It is hoped that a region number can be assigned to registrations so it will be known in what area a cultivar was hybridized. There is a search for the location of deceased hybridizers and, unfortunately, there are 57 with no known address.

Beverly Winkelman, Membership Manager, reported membership had decreased from the 5,634 level in 2019 to 4,851 members as of April 2020. The lack of daylily shows, meetings and general public exposure where new members are solicited is credited with some of the downturn. Another factor is the lack of membership renewals. Beverly also made us aware the AHS has an account with Office Max that the regions can use when they have a large amount of printing to be done. She will furnish the region with the account information.

The Open Form Daylilies, Spiders, Unusual Forms, and other Exotics book promotion earlier this year garnered 135 new members. As there are 1135 copies remaining in the Illinois storage unit, there will probably be future promotions for new members. Watch for it and encourage your non-AHS friends to join us!

CFO Daralee Newkirk reported that giving to AHS was better than budgeted as of April 2020. This was due in large part to a successful on-line auction in January (+/- \$14,000 and a \$10,000 gift from the Wisconsin Daylily Society which was designated for youth travel).

The appointment of the Local Club Facilitation Chair as mentioned in my March remarks will initially be under the Membership Committee, with possible realignment under the Regional Officers Chair in the future.

The Board approved a motion from the Awards and Honors committee to change the description and qualifications for the Extra Large

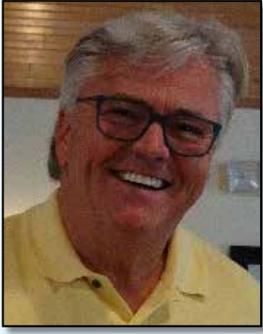
Diameter Award to also exclude doubles from being eligible to win the award. Established in 2005 to recognize outstanding extra large, "full form/dinner plate" flowers, 7" or larger, this change makes large flowers registered as Spiders, Doubles, or Unusual Forms ineligible for this award. This change will be implemented on the 2021 ballot.

The AHS Archives and History Committee have completed a List of AHS Motions from 1946 to the present and a Master List of Hybridizer/Registrant from 1893 to 2019. The Motions Listing is already loaded onto the Portal (Log onto the Portal, click on Administrative Files and scroll down to "Board Motion History 1946-Present"). The Hybridizer/Registrant List is being loaded to the Portal currently and should be available soon.

The Hybridizing 101 book authored by Rhonda Veroveen and mentioned before in this column is near completion. Currently the Publication Committee is looking for an author for a book on small and miniature daylilies. Any volunteers from Region 10?

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The 2021 AHS National Convention will be hosted by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society and the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society May 20-23, 2021, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

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Garden Judges Liaison Report

Greg Crane

One of the things I love the most about being in the AHS is having the privilege to be a certified Garden Judge. It encourages me to visit more and more gardens each year and what a joy that has become. I so enjoy going to gardens not only in my immediate area but others out of state and regions. I like to see what daylilies are growing and how they perform in other areas. As a result of my visits to other gardens I am better prepared to fill out my Garden Judge ballot each year and be able to report on what I see as fine examples of tried and true daylilies. But also to see the newer intros that may not be readily available to see here close by. If you are not judging flowers, you are missing a real fun opportunity. I highly recommend you consider taking one of the offered classes to either be a Garden Judge or an Exhibition Judge. Never think that you don't have what it takes. I promise, you will enjoy each time you use your skills!!

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Exhibition Judges Liaison Report

MaryAnn Duncan

At this time of the year in this space, I normally talk about our region's daylily shows, exhibition judges training, etc. but due to COVID-19 most everything was canceled for 2020. I say "most" because the hearty souls of Region 10 are hard to put down.

The kind folks of the Louisville Area Daylily Society who were to host our Region 10 Summer Meeting and Garden Tours graciously opened their gardens to us on Saturday, June 27. A goodly number of folks visited the seven beautiful gardens and it was nice to see their hard work in preparation for the regional meeting was not in vain.

The guest plants were available at Creekside Gardens (Bill and Chris Schardein) and were some of Bill's introductions. Kudos to the Blue Grass Hemerocallis Society, too. They held a daylily show on Saturday, July 18, showcasing late blooming named daylilies and several entries of seedlings. Strict COVID-19 safety precautions were taken and the general public was not allowed to attend the show. There were 116 entries entered by 11 BGHS, Inc. members. The exhibition judges from Ohio and Tennessee were impressed with the display and remarked that it was a hard show to judge.

The Best in Show Award (and Best Double) was won by Gary

Bunch and Deron Willmoth with Don Wolff's 2014 introduction of H. Sippin Bourbon. Congratulations to our AHS Region 10 winners as showcased during the Awards and Honors ceremony projected live online from the convention hotel in Savannah, Georgia on Tuesday evening, May 26. Sandra Merritt was honored for her valuable service to Region 10 and received a bronze Service Medal Award for her helpful actions. Two of our region hybridizers were recognized with Honorable Mention Awards (certificates) for their introductions – Mort Morss for H. Peppermint Kisses (2010) and David Kirchoff for H. Barbara Devereaux White (2014), H. Judi Romano (2011), and H. Mister Johnny (2014). The HM awards are generated by the garden judges' ballots (votes) from all 15 regions each year.

The AHS Endowments Committee plans to have another online auction in January 2021. It will be after the holiday rush (if we have one this year) and 1-2 weeks later than the one in 2020. Due in large part to COVID-19 and its restrictions, income to the national organization is going down. It is predicted that AHS will have a large deficit budget in 2021, larger than any in the past 10 years. Thus the AHS must do more fundraising or cut our program services. Be on the

lookout for more information in the winter issue of The Daylily Journal. While other items are preferred, plans are for it to be open to daylily donations this time around. If you are willing and able to help with auction items, even small ones, please let me know as donations from every region are expected.

Remember to renew your AHS membership before December 31 (We need you!) and urge your friends to join us, too. To help encourage new memberships, AHS is sharing a FREE digital copy of the summer issue of The Daylily Journal, a quarterly full color hard copy publication, which is normally only mailed to AHS members. Feel free to share the link with family and friends - <https://indd.adobe.com/view/2f943ffe-768f-4544-97e3-494b3c05d3e>. And to learn more about the daylily society and the benefits of being a member, visit <https://daylilies.org/membership>. New AHS subscribers can join now as a trial member for \$15.

Lastly, like you, I am most anxious for this pandemic to be behind us so that we can put away our masks and social distancing and move forward with our daylily plans for 2021. Until then, keep safe and stay well everyone.

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A Tribute to Maurice Greene

By Richard Porter

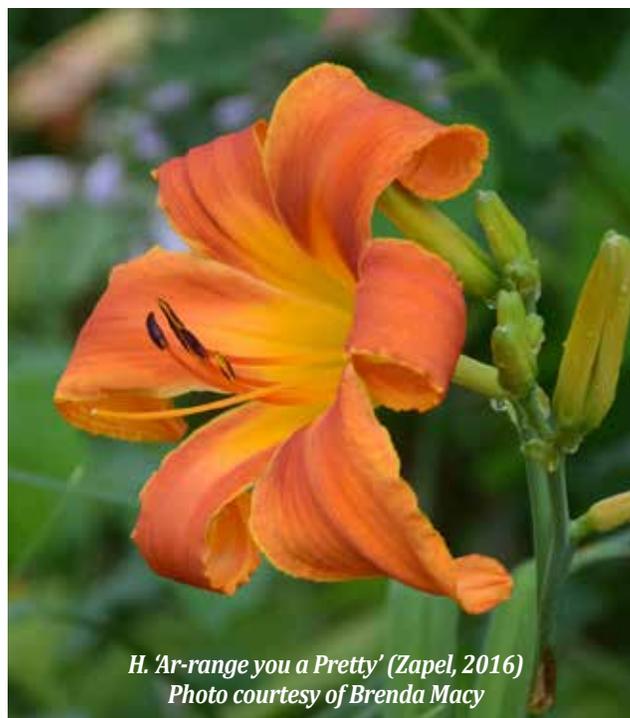
This year in June we lost a great friend of the “world of daylilies”. Maurice Green of Knoxville, TN, passed away very unexpectedly. Maurice leaves behind his lovely wife, Dottie, and a son, Edwin, among his immediate family. Maurice, as our Regional V.P., helped bring the AHS National Convention to Knoxville in 1995. That is where Helen and I first met him and Dottie. It was a great convention! Our Region sent him on to the AHS Board in 2001. The Board recognized his leadership qualities and made him National President from 2004-2005. Maurice, always “folksy” and humble, often said the “Board” just couldn’t find anyone else to take this job! Of course, that wasn’t true. Ever the servant, Maurice continued to help Regional clubs by judging official daylily shows. He made the 300 mile round trip to Louisville to judge the Daylily Society of Louisville’s show several times. Other contributions of time and talent are mentioned in The Daylily Journal by Historian Ken Cobb. Maurice was still an active member of the Region Ten Awards & Honors Committee at the time of his death. He and Dottie attended the 2016 National Convention in Louisville, and we were happy to see them at the Regional Summer Meeting in Kingsport, TN, in 2019. He will certainly be missed by all of us who knew and loved him.



***Editor's Note: Maurice Greene had the unfortunate task of assisting with the dissolving of the Knoxville club several years ago when the members were forced to take that step due to declining membership. It was thanks to Maurice that the remaining funds of the Knoxville Daylily Society were donated to Region 10 with the stipulation that they be used solely for publication of the Region 10 newsletter, The Daylily Appeal.*

Notice of Special Business Meeting

As a result of the cancellation of the 2021 MWS meeting, it will be necessary to have a remote business meeting via Zoom in order to select TWO nominating committees – one to select a nominee for the Regional President and one for the Region 10 AHS Director. The date will be Saturday, February 6, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. CST. If you are interested in participating in the meeting, please contact Jack Alexander at jxander@aol.com and provide your e-mail address so that he can send you a personal invitation with the details of how to be part of the meeting.



*H. 'Ar-range you a Pretty' (Zapel, 2016)
Photo courtesy of Brenda Macy*



2020 Flower Show Results

The year 2020 was an extraordinary year with many daylily events being canceled due to the pandemic. Only one Region 10 club held a flower during 2020 – The Blue Grass Hemerocallis Society. Below is their account of how the show was held with the results.

The Show Must Go On By Gary Bunch



Best in Show
H. 'Sippin Bourbon'

For daylily clubs which depend on people coming together to function, this year, 2020, has thrown a wrench in the works.

The Blue Grass Hemerocallis Society, having its regular meeting early in the month, was able to have meetings in January, February, and March. While everyone always enjoys getting together and talking about the upcoming daylily season during the cold months, everyone is waiting for the summer months to see each other's gardens and the club's biggest event, the daylily show.

In April due to the continuing pandemic, BGHS decided to cancel all club meetings, the public sale, and to move the private sale to a 'To Be Announced' situation as plants had already been purchased.

At this time, brainstorming began to find ways for the club to provide daylily content and keep members connected. Thanks to several hybridizers donating

their PowerPoint presentations to the club we were able to convert them to videos to upload on our new "members only" Facebook group as a substitute for our monthly meetings. Finding a substitute for the daylily show was still not happening as an electronic version of a show seemed too complicated.

Around the end of June when the daylily show was originally scheduled, some members mentioned that it would be nice to have a formal daylily show or at least a display show. This set the wheels in motion to see if BGHS could actually have a daylily show. Restrictions for gathering in groups in Kentucky still allowed small groups to gather with social distancing. A show could happen if the remaining pieces would fall into place.

The first step was to find a location for the show. A club member volunteered a space and tables for the show. The club was over the first hurdle. Next was to find judges willing

Best Extra Large
H. 'Wedding Cantata'



Best Large
H. 'High Regard'



Best Small
H. 'Little Boy Bob'



Best Unusual Form
H. 'Ruffled Flamingo'



*Grooming Room Set Up,
one person per table*



*Waiting for
the judges*



The judging begins

to come judge the show. Once we found judges willing to judge we asked what their requirements were to judge in regards to social distancing, masks, etc. The judges required masks and social distancing. Meeting this requirement was not an issue to be able to have the show. Now we were on to the next hurdle of getting the show accredited. The AHS was very helpful in allowing us to get the show accredited if we sent the paperwork ASAP. BGHS was set to have a show on July 18, 2020.

During the week of the show Deron Willmoth, Jim Smith, and Gary Bunch set up for the show. The facility allowed for grooming to be in 2 different rooms giving exhibitors plenty of room to be at least 6 feet apart and the show in another room with a glass wall to allow members to view the judging.

In the days coming up to the show, it was important to convey to the exhibitors that both social distancing and wearing a mask was required at all times even though current restrictions were social distance or a mask. It was important that this be followed as it was a requirement for the judges to come judge the show. To further minimize contact at the show only those entering scapes were allowed to enter the facility.

On the day of the show exhibitors arrived to the show site and were provided with vases to use in a central location to avoid crowding. Grooming tables were covered with disposable table cloths and multiple bottles of hand sanitizer were available. Gloves were also available if individuals wanted to use them.

Exhibitors brought their entries to the

classification tables set up to allow plenty of social distancing. The entries were checked and moved to a table behind classification for the placement committee to take into the enclosed show room.

Once the entries were in place the judges were brought to the show room to begin judging the 115 entries presented by 12 exhibitors.

The show being July 18 was about 30 days later than when the show usually is. A concern was that it was past peak bloom and there wouldn't be anything to exhibit. As it turns out it was a great opportunity to exhibit late blooming daylilies. Of the 116 scapes, most of them were just starting to bloom.

At the end of the day, the Blue Grass Hemerocallis Society met the challenge of having a safe annual daylily show for its members during a time of social distancing and mask wearing restrictions.

BLUE GRASS HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

Best Extra Large
H.'Wedding Cantata'
(Clement, 2007)
Exhibited by Brent Graham,
Willie Graham

Best Large
H. 'In High Regard'
(Rice-JA, 2010)
Exhibited by Jim Smith

Best Small
H.'Little Boy Bob'
(Warrell, 2002)
Exhibited by Gary Bunch,
Deron Willmoth

Best Miniature
H.'Tiny Pumpkin'
(Hudson, 1975)
Exhibited by Willie Graham,
Brent Graham

Best Double
H.'Sippin Bourbon'
(Wolff-D., 2014)
Exhibited by Gary Bunch,
Deron Willmoth

Best Spider
H.'Panama Jack'
(Schwartz-B., 1998)
Exhibited by Brent Graham,
Willie Graham

Best Unusual Form
H. 'Ruffled Flamingo'
(Donald, 2008)
Exhibited by Linda Donald

Best Seedling
Exhibited by Jim Smith

Popularity Poll
H. 'White Eyes Pink Dragon'
(Gossard, 2006)
Exhibited by Bonnie Clough

Best in Show
H. 'Sippin Bourbon'
(Wolff-D., 2014)
Exhibited by Gary Bunch,
Deron Willmoth

Sweepstakes Award
Linda Donald

Best Miniature
H. 'Tiny Pumpkin'



Best Spider
H. 'Panama Jack'



Rivertrail Gardens

Gardening in the Time of Quarantine

By Janice Wood



Wood Seedling

H. 'Westbourne Crowns of Glory'
(Meadows – MJ, 2013)



H. 'Little Bighorn' (Kuster, 2002)

Thank goodness the weather has been good for gardening in this strange spring of quarantining. I was unable to travel and couldn't spend time with my family and friends while "sheltering in place". Fortunately, enjoying the garden was something I could do and I definitely have. It has had me thinking about what I started with and where I'm going next. My love for daylilies began when I was in college. My mother came in one day after being at the beauty parlor and said that we had been invited to visit a neighbor's daylily garden. I really only knew about the orange ditch lilies at my Granny's house back then. We drove to Emma Jean's garden, a few miles away, and I was just blown away. The colors were just amazing. I spent the next several Junes visiting and deadheading Emma Jean's daylilies and growing some of them that we bought from her. Then I moved to Memphis and started my surgery residency. It was several hours drive from my parents home and I barely saw the sunlight for the next 5 years. When I finished training, I bought a small house in an old shady neighborhood of Memphis. It was not a good place to grow daylilies, but I could easily ride my bicycle to the Memphis Botanic gardens and dream of the garden I wanted. Several years later I found a new house that had grown trees around the house but also had a sunny bare corner just right for daylilies. One of my friends said "Boy it has a lot of property. How much land did you want?" I joked "Enough to grow

cotton!" When I found that there was a daylily named LAND OF COTTON, I had to have it. That bare corner was a weed field that my neighbor had to bush hog the first spring I lived there. So, I had to start really working from scratch to turn it into a garden. It has been a slow but steady job for this one-person garden crew.

When I moved in it was winter. I spent the winter planning and searching for sources of plants. The only mail order source of daylilies that I could remember was Wild's nursery. I got their catalog and picked out 12 daylilies that I remembered that I liked. There was "Burning Daylight", "Hudson Valley", "Mateus", "Shady Lady", "Green Glitter", "Green Flutter" and a few more. The plants came on a rainy day right as I was leaving town. I quickly stuck those daylily plants in the mud and headed out. They thrived. I kept buying some daylily plants and lengthened the bed I was making on each end until one day I decided that I was getting tired of walking around it.

By this time, I had joined the Memphis Area Daylily Society and the AHS. I was learning about other daylily growers and newer plants and I needed a new daylily bed. The second bed was a little better planned. I marked it out and killed the grass/weeds with herbicide and mulched it. Then I ordered a bunch of daylilies from Dave Talbott. His motto was "Dave grows big plants". I was interested in red daylilies and made a list of ones from the best red hybridizers in the country. I got Gate's "Superlative" and "Sultry Siren," Webster's "Bama Bound" and "Roll Tide,"

Benz's "Radar Love" and "Red Grace;" and Kirchoff's "Obsession in Red" and "Leonard Bernstein." Some of those Florida daylilies rebloomed that year and I did some of my first crosses. When I had my first crop of seeds, I made a third bed to plant the seeds. I rented a tiller and added compost and planted the seeds. By the time the daylilies came up you couldn't see the seedlings for the grass/weeds! I bit the bullet and sprayed Over the Top and it didn't kill the seedlings. I was much relieved. I never tilled a bed again. I went back to the method of spray the future bed with herbicide, mulch, and dig holes for the plants with improvements added to the holes. Every time I moved, divided, or planted I improved that spot. Every year I mulched the beds and the soil is quite nice now. When the first seedlings from my red crosses bloomed, I had a crop of pink and purple daylilies! Where was the red? I kept working with them and now have mostly red and rose-colored seedlings with an occasional purple. I have only registered one daylily to date, SUMMER IN THE CITY which is a coral color. Several others are just multiplying before registry.

After a while, I decided that the small and mini daylilies needed their own bed because the leaves of the big ones were overwhelming the little plants. Many of my small/minis had patterns too, and you need to be able to get close to them to appreciate the patterns. So, a fourth bed was made. And you know how it goes, you always NEED a few more daylilies so I started a fifth bed, and so on. I moved some of the older sturdy daylilies to this bed and put the new expensive ones in the older beds which had more improved soil. One bed is dedicated to the daylilies of Richard Webster. He lived close to my Mother in Alabama and we went to his garden several times. I have a magnificent clump of his "Webster's Pink Wonder."

I became a Garden Judge in classes taught by Maurice Greene. Maurice and Dottie Greene also inspired my love of garden art. There are lots of cats, bees and dragonflies interspersed among the flowers. While I toured other daylily-lover gardens I decided I should apply to

be an Official AHS Display Garden. I read the rules and discovered that I needed to grow all types of daylilies to be a display garden. Well I really didn't like those spidery daylilies back then, but at a club sale I got "Cat's Cradle." How can you go wrong with a yellow spider named for cats!

I was going to Regional and National Tours and the Mid-Winter Symposium and one always came home with new and different daylilies. Sometimes the backseat of the car would be filled with blooming daylilies that swayed as I drove. I believe in supporting local hybridizers from Region 10 and 14 too. I have daylilies from over 175 different hybridizers from Canada to Florida. I ended up with some of those spider and unusual form daylilies. After watching them in the garden I noticed that they added another dimension to the flowers that I loved-motion.

While I love daylilies, I also like lots of different flowers. I was interested in native plants and went to a number of native plant symposiums and bought lots of those too. I decided that my sunny corner needed a "frame" around it. I had a split rail fence built on the street sides. I wanted people to still be able to see the flowers. Then I started along the shorter side making a perennial border with my other sun-loving flowers inside the fence, and bulbs outside the fence, gradually extending the border each year. That was the initial plan but some of the plants wanted to be on the other side of the fence and have "moved" themselves. The far side of the fence and border are

a long way from the water spigot on my house, so it is planted with tough native perennials that don't have to be watered much. I especially like salvias, sedum, asters, and rudbeckia in this section. As time goes by one still needs more room for MORE daylilies and a few have gotten in this border too. I like some daylilies that are in the caramel, russet, and brownish tones like "Butter Pecan," "Double Triple Threat," "Little Bighorn," "Lemon Ice Tea," "Coffee To Go," and "Memphis Tigers." I don't think these look good with pink and purple ones, so they have a space together in the border. This season my favorite daylilies have been "O'Bannon Orchid," "Westbourne Black Cat Eyes," "Ink And Pink," "Isabelle Rose," "Julie Covington," and "Westbourne Crowns of Glory."

I have worked to have something blooming in my garden all year long

H. 'Isabelle Rose' (Laprise, 2009)



Rivertrail Garden



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

Wood Seedling



Shimek Coneflowers

and I'm pretty close. The snowdrops start blooming most years around New Year's Day and the camellias and Encore azaleas will go until hard freeze around Thanksgiving. The area that is the shady part of the garden surrounds the house and front yard. It is the focus of bloom in the spring with wildflowers, daffodils, azaleas, Lenten roses and many of the small bulb plants. I also started to collect oakleaf hydrangeas and was especially excited to get Sikes' Dwarf. It was found and propagated by daylily hybridizer Sarah Sikes in her garden in Luverne, AL. I visited her garden many times. I remember well the oakleaf hydrangeas growing behind her house. She lived about as far south as they do well. Sikes' Dwarf has very white blooms.

I use very few chemicals in my garden except pre-emerge in the daylily beds. I put it down in late fall to suppress the winter weeds. I have lots of bees, ladybugs, praying mantis, butterflies and dragonflies. There are lots of birds around, especially right after I mow. I have many coneflowers that came from different sources. Some came from seeds in the Shimek garden in Houston TX that was on a National daylily tour. They are early blooming, very bright rose pink and have red stems. The coneflowers feed the bees first, and when they have seeds there are goldfinches munching away. The bronze fennel usually attracts butterfly caterpillars. Another favorite in the border is Salvia "Hot Lips" with its red and white blooms. This spring I added Shasta daisy "Daisy Mae" and it has bloomed well.

One garden on the National tour in the Detroit area had clematis growing on the fence posts around her daylily beds. So I have added some of those and a coral honeysuckle to grow along the fence.

People drive by and honk and wave. Some stop to wander around the flower beds. Neighbors take photos of their children in front of the flowers. I have been the beneficiary of gifts of note cards with pictures of the daylilies from my garden. One lady takes photos and uses them as inspiration for paintings she has displayed at the Memphis Botanic Garden. In this time of social distancing I have gotten to meet fewer of the flower lovers but I have gotten notes of appreciation in the mail box. Hopefully we will be able to start daylily meetings and tours again.

I recently placed an order for more daylilies to come this fall because I NEED them. Every year something comes and something goes. My garden is always a work in progress.

H. 'O'Bannon Orchid' (Williams - S., 2013)



Rivertrail Garden



Wood Perennial Border



**REGION 10
SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE**

- 2021 Lexington Blue Grass Hemerocallis Society
- 2022 Nashville Middle Tennessee Daylily Society
- 2023 Louisville Daylily Society of Louisville
- 2024 Memphis Memphis Area Daylily Society

A Treasurer's Dilemma

Your treasurer is supposed to look after the club's money. Yeah, easy enough UNTIL this year!! The Corona Virus Pandemic had really played havoc on us for 2020. Thankfully we did have some revenue from the 2020 Mid Winter Symposium, but that is where it ends for the year. No Summer Meeting this year meant no auction to help with the cost of the printing of the Daylily Appeal that we receive twice a year.

Then we had to deal with the 2021 Mid Winter Symposium scheduled for February in Bowling Green, KY. The first hotel response was that we could not cancel or move the date of this venue without having a substantial financial debt to the hotel. Their new contact person, Heather, in June, advised me to contact them again after the 1st of October to discuss what we would have to change if they did not let us out of this contract. The only "real out" we would have would be if the Governor was to cancel all hotel activity (like was done earlier this year at the onset of the pandemic) to not have to pay cancellation fees.

So when I called back in the first week of October, I took a chance that my old contact, Jade, would be back from her furlough from the hotel. Luckily she was then working part-time. She told me that she was scheduled to return to full time on October 19th and she would then call the corporate office to see what we could do. Jade made them understand that we could not just change the date to another one in the spring. It would have been difficult to arrange for speakers at a later date than February, and that since we are a non-profit group that paying late fees would be detrimental to our financial situation. She made a compelling argument for our case and came back with a change of date to February 4th through the 6th of 2022! The contract will stay the same except for the dates, which is great news all around. We will see how many changes in food and setup situations we will have to address at a later date, but for now know that the 2021 MWS will not happen and that the next date will be in February 2022.

Chris Schardein
Region 10 Treasurer

AHS Region 10 Treasurer's Report

JANUARY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2020

Submitted by: **Chris Schardein**, AHS Region 10 Treasurer

Checkbook Balance as of 1/1/2020 \$ 29,844.10

INCOME:

MWS Registrations in 2020.	\$ 5,100.00
MWS Auction/Raffle Cash/checks	2,091.00
MWS Fri/Sat Credit Card Sales	2,103.48
Uncashed check from 2019.	60.00

TOTAL INCOME: 9,354.48

EXPENSES:

2019 FALL/Winter Appeal	\$ 1,745.62
2020 Spring/Summer Appeal	1,199.22
Stamps.	11.00
2020 Editors Fee for Spring/Summer.	750.00
Directors Expenses - 2019 Fall Board Meeting. . .	420.89
Directors Expenses - 2019 National Convention. .	742.62
2020 MWS Expenses:	
Auction Plants Shipping (<i>plus one missed</i>). . . \$	432.00
Supplies, Badges, copies,	79.13
Wineception supplies	8.40
Photo contest	66.83
MWS Speaker airfare/car	948.83
MWS Speaker gas expenses	178.58
MWS refunds (sickness).	240.00
Holiday Inn Friday/Sunday charges.	7,433.98
<i>(food, room setup charges, speaker rooms, A/V)</i>	
Holiday Inn deposit for 2021 MWS	775.00

TOTAL EXPENSES: \$ (15,032.10)

Checkbook balance as of 06/30/2020. \$ 26,166.48

Daylilies and Bar-B-Que in BOURBON COUNTRY

**Region 10
Summer Meeting
Louisville, KY
June 26-27, 2020**

By Linda Luck

***Editor's Note: Following is a pictorial tour of the 2020 Display Gardens. Special thanks to the following who contributed photographs: Gary Bunch, Deron Willmoth, Albert Holt, Sally Fensterer and Linda Luck.*

When I first announced that the Louisville Area Daylily Society (LADS) believed that in order to host the 2020 Region 10 Summer Meeting we needed to do so with a modified format, we had no idea just how modified that format would need to be! We spent over a year planning the summer meeting, and the tour garden and event garden owners worked hard getting their gardens improved and ready to receive our convention attendees. Then the Coronavirus Pandemic hit full force. We waited as long as we felt like we could before we had to cancel the

convention, refund the registration fees which had been paid, and accept our disappointment.

While we were all saddened and sorry that we couldn't complete the new Unusual Form Convention format we had developed and were excited to introduce, the planning committee felt particularly bad for our tour and event garden owners. We recognized that the garden owners had already done much preparation and gone to a lot of extra work and expense and we hated to see all of that be for naught. We asked them if they would be

interested in hosting an open garden on June 27th as an alternative to the convention and all agreed!

June 27th turned out to be a PERFECT day for garden tours: cloudy and cool-ish much of the day with reasonable humidity and only a brief light drizzle. Not the weather we typically expect in Kentucky in late June! Not only was it comfortable to walk through the gardens all day, the cloud cover kept the daylilies fresh and true to color through the afternoon. We were thrilled with the attendance at each of our seven open gardens,

LUCK-Y-RAY DAYLILY GARDENS

Linda Luck & Ray Clark



Linda Luck and garden helpers



BRASHEARS CREEK GARDENS

Karen and Danny Sidebottom



some having over 75 guests! Since visitors were spread out from 8:00 to 4:00 we had no problem complying with social distancing to keep everyone safe. We had guests from Tennessee, Indiana and Ohio as well from a variety of places in Kentucky. Although we had a number of ADS Region 10 members tour the gardens, we also had garden owners' neighbors, friends and family members take advantage of the day.

When we first created the concept of a "Summer Meeting with an Unusual Form" we did so to enable our LADS members to feel like we could host the 2020 event. It required our club to try to look at the typical convention aspects differently and creatively, but it also required the rest of the Region 10 members to be willing to participate in a new concept. From the first time I introduced our idea during the 2019 Mid-Winter Symposium, I felt the Region's

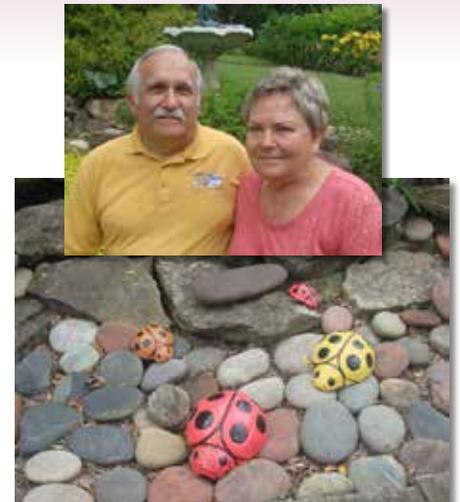
support and enthusiasm. Members of several other clubs even said our new format might enable their groups to host a summer regional. We knew we could be paving the way for other clubs to follow and further improve, and we felt a huge sense of responsibility to make the event a success. Sadly, the Coronavirus caused the cancellation of our Unusual Form Meeting before we could determine how well it worked, but we wish the best to the next group who tries it.

CREEKSIDE GARDENS

Bill and Chris Schardein



Bill and Chris Schardein





SALLY & TOM FENSTERER GARDEN



JOHN MORGAN GARDEN



John Morgan



CEDAR CREEK GARDENS
Michael Stephens



Michael Stephens



H. 'Michael Stephens' (Kirchhoff, 2018)



WOLFF'S GARDENS

Claudia & Don Wolff



Personal Reflections from the 2020 Summer

Due to Corona virus concerns the Louisville Area Daylily Society (LADS) cancelled their scheduled Regional Summer Meeting for 2020 and instead had open garden tours on Saturday, June 27th. Richard and I visited 4 of the 7 LADS Members' gardens. Friday we went over to Claudia and Don Wolff's place to help dead/live head the scapes. Live heading is very difficult because all the beautiful blooms have to be cut off and discarded. As most of you in the area know, Don's passion is developing beautiful double-form daylilies, and he has some outstanding cultivars! He has a place in the back yard for many seedlings that he and Claudia are keeping their eyes on for possible future introductions. Their yard is on a small city lot, which

the Wolffs have beautifully landscaped with daylilies and other perennials, such as calla lilies, as well as cute garden art here and there to make it a fun place to visit. The Wolffs surely do come up with "fun" names, such as "Bubble-Headed Booby", named for the robot on the old "Lost in Space" sitcom from years ago. They have also used several bourbon-themed names, such as "Bourbon and a Fine Cigar", and have chosen various relatives' hobbies for names, like "Ted's Tee Time" (his dad liked to golf), and "Ada's Bean Night" (Claudia's aunt featured beans at supper every Tuesday night for any of the family who wanted to attend. On the day of the garden tours, the chance for rain was 70%, and it was an overcast, coolish day. Would the rain

hold off?? Richard and I set out hoping and praying it would for the gardeners' sakes as well as those who traveled to the area for the tours. Michael Stephens' garden was another example of what can be done with a small city lot. In spite of a large shade tree, Michael has some lovely daylilies in the front yard, along with shade plants like hostas. But his back yard is almost completely planted with daylilies and is a feast for the eyes. The one cultivar I have my eye on for future purchase is David Kirchhoff's large, bright orange one he named "Michael Stephens". Mike is known in both LADS and DSL, the two Louisville daylily clubs, to be a "little" partial to that color in daylilies. Michael's back yard is terraced; he built steps to facilitate visiting the



Summer Meeting

By Helen Porter

“upper” garden there. Richard and I also visited two large city lots -- Bill and Chris Schardeins Fern Creek garden, and Linda Luck’s and Ray Clark’s place not far from the Schardein’s. The Schardein’s acreage is like a Garden of Eden, and visitor’s soon realize that Bill and Chris put in a lot of planning, love and hard work to achieve the beauty there. Chris has used a lot of garden art and seating arrangements to give visitors the feel of garden “rooms”. There are several large trees in the back yard, and plenty of places in the shade of those trees for you to sit and just enjoy the loveliness of the sunny daylily gardens. Bill has many seedlings toward the back of the property. Perhaps he will choose some of these in

future years to be named and registered. It was at this garden that visitors were given daylilies to take home. These cultivars would have been “bus” plants if the Regional Summer Meeting had taken place. The other large city lot, that of Linda Luck and Ray Clark, was also wonderful -- a regular kaleidoscope of color! The tour was confined to the front acreage where most of the daylilies were planted. Everywhere you looked was glorious color, color, color! It was there that we tasted some of the most delicious bourbon balls ever made. Linda and a couple of her relatives/ friends made them for the occasion. Wow!! So Good!!! Thank you, Linda & Crew! Wish we could have visited all 7 tour gardens, but time and (our) energy

grew short. All the gardens we saw were in great shape; with all the months of quarantine and social distancing, gardeners had more time than usual to beautify their places for the tours. The event was well-attended, too. Thanks to all of you who generously opened your show places for the rest of us to enjoy on June 27th. They were indeed lovely and inspirational! Hopefully, someone else will write up the gardens Richard and I missed -- those of John Morgan, Sally and Tom Fensterer, both in Louisville, and Karen and Danny Sidebottom in Taylorsville. And, thank the Lord, the rain did hold off until long after the tours were over when the area got a much-needed downpour.

Western Kentucky Botanical Gardens

Owensboro, Kentucky

By William Tyler



The Western Kentucky Botanical Garden (WKBG) is located in Owensboro, KY and features several themed gardens on 14 acres. A highlight of the garden is the large collection of hybridized daylilies with an American Hemerocallis Society Display Garden. There are about 800 named and labeled varieties in the display garden with an emphasis on Kentucky hybridizers featuring David Kirchhoff, Mort Morss, Annette and John Rice and Herbie Phelps (retired).

The WKBG Daylily Garden got started from some individual donations and then by a large donation of plants from Marge and Dale Finney of the Daylily Society of Louisville. New daylilies have been added yearly to ensure the newest and best are included. There are two Daylily Dig beds where people can come and dig and purchase the plant they see blooming and like. The plants in these dig beds are mostly registered plants divided from the display bed and some are seedlings developed at WKBG.

On display at WKBG are almost all the Stout Medal award winners going back to 1950. Many of these award plants were donated by Lea Ann and Don Williams when they closed Lakeside Daylilies. It is always interesting to look at these plants to see the progress and changes in the hybridizing of daylilies over the years.

The last week in June each year WKBG puts on the "Dazzling Daylily Festival" featuring the daylilies in full bloom with tours, talks, music, food, entertainment, daylily sales and hot air balloons. This has become very popular with great fun and enjoyment along with the appreciation of the spectacular beauty and variations represented by hybridized daylilies.

AHS National Service Award for Region 10

Sandra Merritt

The AHS National Service Award for outstanding service to the region has been awarded to Sandra Merritt. For many years she served in many roles in her local club, The Middle Tennessee Daylily Society, and until this year, had served for 10 straight years as the club treasurer. In that capacity, she was always involved in the collection of membership dues, maintenance of the club treasury and the collecting and tracking of all funds from the club sales and auctions. However not only did Sandra utilize her skills at the club level but eagerly took on responsibilities at the regional level as the treasurer for Region 10 for six years. In that role, she served as registrar for each annual Mid-Winter Symposium (MWS), made sure that all MWS speakers and contractors were reimbursed in a timely manner



and dealt with reconciling the bills for food, lodging and event space with the hotel billing office. In addition, Sandra has been cashier for the plant auctions for Region 10, which includes the MWS plant auctions as well as the summer regional meetings. Many of these functions were two night events, and required her to keep working long after everyone else had gone

to bed in order to prepare for the next day. In addition to serving as regional treasurer, Sandra has also been an exhibition judge for the past 10 years and served as Exhibition Judges Liaison for 2 years at the same time that she was regional treasurer. Always preferring to work in the background, Sandra performs another important task that is little known. She has along with Susan Okrasinski been one of two proof-readers of the regional newsletter and for those who have written articles or edited a regional newsletter, this is invaluable. Her recognized specialty is “commas and apostrophes” as well as grammar since at one time she was an English teacher! In her “spare time” Sandra and her husband, Cullen, maintain a beautiful daylily garden and are always delighted to open their garden to visitors. **Congratulations, Sandra!**

2020 REGION 10 HYBRIDIZER AWARD

By Richard Porter, Committee Chair



Richard Porter presents the Region 10 Virginia Peck Hybridizing Award to Don Wolff

The Region 10 Awards & Honors Committee is pleased to announce the recipient of the Virginia Peck Award for Hybridizing for 2020 goes to Don Wolff of Louisville, Kentucky. Usually announced at the summer meeting or at Mid-Winter Symposium, the corona virus has curtailed such gatherings. The nomination for 2020 was approved by all 8 club presidents in the Region. Don's work has been noted both within and outside Region Ten. You may have heard Don speak and show a power point of his hybridizing program that now includes 31 registrations. He is known for doubles and for his “Bourbon” series of daylilies. You can see all of his introductions on the AHS website. Don's amazing program was recently recognized by a special article in The Daylily Journal. To mention a few, H. ‘Ariel’s Starfish’ (Wolff ‘20), ‘Double Sanibel Sunrise’ (2004); ‘Autumn in Bourbon Country’ (2014), and ‘It’s All Up in There’ (2018), the latter an outstanding ivory double with flecks of color everywhere. **Congratulations, Don!**

REGION 10 CLUB REPORTS

Tennessee Valley Daylily Society

By George Gannaway

As the Reporter for TVDS (Tennessee Valley Daylily Society) I have very little to report for this period. Our last meeting was in October 2019, we had to cancel our Christmas Party due to sudden illness of our host and then we cancelled the February meeting at the last minute due to very bad snowy weather.

Here comes spring and we were ready to start meeting again. The COVID pandemic began and in-person meetings were prohibited and cancelled. We also decide that it would be best to cancel our annual daylily show that we have at The Barn Nursery.

Fortunately, our daylilies knew nothing about the virus and they bloomed better than ever due to the record rains we had in Chattanooga... 2nd highest on record.

The most exciting thing to happen in TVDS is when Libby Hickman, our former President, decided to move from Ooltewah to North Alabama. The important part of the move was to dig-up, transport and plant the 800 different plants she had at her home in Tennessee. Included in this article is Libby bush hogging and the extensive preparation of the beds (just look at that good topsoil). An irrigation system was installed and the movement of plants began in August 2019. By November, after a great deal

of hard work they were all moved and planted. In early spring there was preparing of the beds for weed reduction and mulch added.

Finally, bloom season came in 2020 and what a bloom season. The blooms were bigger and more beautiful than she ever remembered. The re-bloom was instant and has continued throughout August on many plants.

Libby has applied for and been approved as a Display Garden. She lives near the community of Ider,

Alabama and if you are nearby she invites you to come by. Her contact information:

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Hopefully in 2021 the Tennessee Valley Daylily Society can begin to meet again and enjoy the fellowship of sharing daylily stories and plants.

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SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: **Joan Trundle**
TREASURER: **Todd Gaby**
SECRETARY/REPORTER: **George Gannaway**



Blue Grass Hemerocallis Society

by **Deron Willmoth**

PRESIDENT: Deron Willmoth
VICE PRESIDENT: Willie Graham
SECRETARY: Linda Donald
TREASURER: Bonnie Clough

While BGHS members may not have been able to meet in person, BGHS has been able to present the hybridizing programs of some hybridizers to its membership. The programs were presented as videos on our members-only Facebook group.

BGHS is thankful to the hybridizers that donated their presentations to share with our members. Members are encouraged to support these hybridizers.

April – Margo Reed & Jim Murphy

May – Don Herr

June – Bret Clement

July – Mike & Sandy Holmes

August – Charles & Heidi Douglas

Our daylily show in June was canceled but we were able to pull together and have a successful AHS accredited show on July 18. As it turned out it was a wonderful opportunity to exhibit late blooming daylilies. There were 12 exhibitors with 116 scapes entered.

Our most recent event was our private sale. Club members came together in a zoom meeting for the

opportunity to purchase introductions from Phil Korth at discounted prices. After the online sale, plants were delivered to a central location for members to schedule a time for payment and pick up while allowing for appropriate social distancing.

BGHS is looking forward to next summer as we continue our plans to host the Regional Meeting and Garden Tours.

Middle Tennessee Daylily Society

by **Greg Crane, Hendersonville, TN**

PRESIDENT: Greg Crane
1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Kate Patrick
2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Jennifer Weedman
RECORDING SECRETARY: Sharon Cuffe
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: Cassie Graham
TREASURER: Nicole Bull
HISTORIAN: Jay Turman

In spite of the current situation in our region and nation, we are going to try and carry on as normal as possible for MTDS. Our show and sale had to be canceled this year and that was a bummer. Most of our planned events had to be put on hold. However, our garden tours back in June were a HUGE success and I would like to thank all of those who opened their gardens up for the tour!!! I made all but one garden and just ran out of time before I could get over to the Hartleroads. But thank you so much for hosting our club in your beautiful gardens. AND, beautiful they were, each with their own personalities.

Our fall activities went on as planned and we had great times at our two September events - our annual potting party at Nicole Bull's new place of residence! And, we enjoyed hearing from our AHS President Scott Elliott as well. Thank you Kate Patrick for your help in working out some of the details for the visit. And, our October meeting featured the ever popular and funny David Bishop.

We are planning on having our Christmas Party as usual but we may just have to once again brown bag

it and not have the table of always delicious food to share. Of course we will be playing our version of Dirty Daylily as well so start thinking about what you will bring to give this year. We will also be forming a nominating committee to bring a new slate of officers for next year. I may be contacting you to be on the nominating committee so be sure to answer your phone when I call. I'll find you one way or the other.

Hang in there. Keep loving daylilies and we will see what next year brings!!

REGION 10 CLUB REPORTS

Tri-Cities Daylily Society

By **Rebecca Hall**

The Summer of 2020 – one not soon to be forgotten! This was a summer for TCDS members to stay close to home and take pleasure in their own gardens. From what I hear, this was a beautiful daylily season, except for those who had too many visits from the deer which were rampant this summer. Though the Corona Virus did keep us from gathering and eating together as a club, we did enjoy our gardens and flowers in a safer, more private way. During mid-June, the following local gardens were open to visitors with appointments: Greg & Jo Durham, Dennis & Rebecca Hall, Earl Hockin & Carol McCreary, John & Kathy Wagner, Emily & Mark Wilkes, Chris Massengill, Fred Martin, and Sue Lepsch. A few folks took advantage of the invitation and visited a garden or two closest to them. Though Blue Ridge Daylilies in Asheville, NC, did not hold their annual club picnic in July, the garden was open to visitors with mask wearing and social distancing (two terms we have come all too familiar with this year). The garden was absolutely beautiful and was enjoyed by those who ventured over the mountain

on an individual basis – no carpools this year. Tri-Cities Daylily Society Facebook page was very active this summer sharing beautiful photos for others to experience through that means. Thanks to all who posted special blooms in this way for others to enjoy. You are welcome to be a “friend” and check it out. Sadly, TCDS recently experienced the deaths of two friends and members – Roy Odum, gifted humorous speaker and writer and Dee Littleton, husband and supporter of longtime TCDS member, Anna. Also, we were deeply saddened by the sudden death of Maurice Greene of Knoxville. Besides serving as former AHS president and active member of the former Knoxville club, Maurice supported our club by presenting programs and attending

all three regional conventions that TCDS hosted, the most recent being last summer. These special people will be greatly missed. Looking ahead, after having only one meeting this year in February, the officers made the decision to cancel meetings for the remainder of this calendar year. We will plan on using as many of the 2020 scheduled programs during 2021 as possible. We have certainly missed seeing all our daylily friends from Region 10. As a club member commented on our Facebook page, “Let’s all just count the days until we can meet in person again. Sigh.”

CO-PRESIDENTS: **Chris Massengill & Susan Okrasinski**
TREASURER: **Dennis Hall**
SECRETARY: **Rebecca Hall**
WEB MASTER: **John Wagner**

Memphis Area Daylily Society

Report Not Available

PRESIDENT: **Dewayne Roberts**
VICE-PRESIDENT: **Janice Wood**
SECRETARY: **Chris Clapsadle**
TREASURER: **Mary Lange**
NEWSLETTER ED: **Mary Lange**

Daylily Society of Louisville

by **Helen Porter**

DSL does not meet in December or January, and February is usually our first meeting of the year (weather permitting). At our February meeting Brenda Macy gave a Power Point presentation of the July, 2019 AHS National Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. She not only got to visit the lovely daylily gardens of the local members, but also visited the home of famous architect, Frank Lloyd Wright. It was a real treat to see both the club members' flowers and the master architect's house he designed. Brenda told us his designs always included expertly-placed windows, which Mr. Wright called "framing the view" showcasing the local scenery. From Brenda's photos, we could see that each window in the house focuses on stunning views of the surrounding natural landscape. We also discussed upcoming months' offerings at the February meeting, which of course, due to the Corona virus, were cancelled. Who knows if any of our Region 10 Clubs will be able to meet again before 2020 comes to an end?

The Mid-Winter Symposium was held February 7th, 8th, & 9th

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in Bowling Green, KY, before masks and quarantines became the "norm". Attendees were treated to slides of many new daylily registrations for 2020 by various hybridizers. The event was well attended, and 15 of DSL's members were among those who went. DSL's Bill Schardein is the current Region 10 President, and his wife, Chris is the Registrar for the MWS. Other DSL attendees were Bev Crittenden, Ron & Patti Byerley, Doris Stonska, Margaret Fischer, Michael Stephens, Brenda Macy, Don & Claudia Wolff, Steve & Donna Ward, and Richard & Helen Porter.

MaryAnn Duncan of Lexington, the AHS Regional Board Member, briefed us on some necessary by-law changes AHS was planning to make. Some of the hybridizers who shared their slide programs were DSL's Don Wolff of Kentucky, Scott Elliott of Georgia, David Kirchhoff of Kentucky, Billy Wright of Tennessee, Paul Owen of North Carolina, and Kathleen Nordstrom & Mike

Grossman of Minnesota. All the presentations were educational and fun. We all had such a great time at MWS this year, never realizing none of the spring and summer plans for daylily get-togethers (shows and sales events, regional and national meetings) would have to be cancelled due to virus concerns. But the other Louisville club, the Louisville Area Daylily Club, did have open gardens on a Saturday in June at several of their members' gardens. This event was in place of the regional summer meeting LADS had planned on hosting. Like the MWS, the LADS Open Garden Tours was also well-attended, and it was great to see everyone who came from Region 10, and Region 2. Everyone was careful to respect the "social distancing" mandate even though it was entirely outside. Another more detailed article about this event appears in this publication.

Kentucky Daylily Fans

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Louisville Area Daylily Society

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PRESIDENT: Linda Luck
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