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*2019 Region 10 MWS
Photography Contest Winner
People's Choice Award of
Best Registered Flower Image:
Cassie Graham for her picture of
H. 'Pig Latin' (Reed, 2019)*

See the other two winning photos on Page 28.

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DEADLINE for the Fall/Winter Issue of the *Daylily Appeal* is **August 1, 2019**.

The *Daylily Appeal* welcomes submission by Region 10 members of:

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

Digital/electronic submissions are required. Please e-mail your submissions via e-mail with attachments to Will Coltharp at: **wcoltharp@comcast.net**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lorene Crone

Hello daylily fans! (pun intended) I hope you were able to join us for MWS in our new venue in Bowling Green, KY. The hotel was wonderful and very accommodating. The food was great too. With that being said the members attending decided to have MWS here again next year so that has been booked. We appreciate all the work done by David Kirchhoff, Chris Schardein, and the MWS team in planning this year's MWS. This was David's last year to chair the event, so we applaud the 20+ years he and Lee Pickles worked to pull this off. Will Coltharp volunteered to chair this event next year along with others. We very much appreciate this team volunteering. It is because of members like these and so many others that my terms as RP have been such a pleasure. There is no way anyone can do this job without the support of the board and all of you. A nominating committee was formed to select the candidate(s) for the next term of Regional President. Mary Ann Duncan is chairing this committee so if you would like to nominate someone or yourself, please let her know. Our next region meeting will be held in Kingsport June 28-29 at the Meadowview Resort. If you have not been there before, you have missed a treat. Please be aware that the RP election will be held on Friday evening so if you cannot make it by meeting time, please mail in your ballot so that it can be counted. We will enjoy several local gardens and then travel to Blue Ridge Daylilies. These gardens will make you swoon! The national convention will be held July 10-13 in Madison-Middleton, Wisconsin. Hope you've made your reservations. I'm looking forward to beautiful gardens, seeing friends I haven't seen since last convention, and Wisconsin food. Although I won't be RP next year, I still hope to see you at all the Region 10 events. Until then!

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Dual Life. 750.00





From the
NEWSLETTER EDITOR
Will Coltharp

Welcome to the 2019 Spring/Summer edition of The Daylily Appeal. As always we have tried to include a little something of interest for everyone. Especially exciting in this issue are the pictures of the winning entries in the first annual MWS Photo Contest, one of which is featured on the front cover. We were pleased with the response the first year and hope to make the contest a part of the annual Mid-Winter Symposium.

In this issue we continue our series of highlighting a Region 10 club and The Daylily Appeal is pleased to feature the history of the **Middle Tennessee Daylily Society** as written by one of its charter members, Jay Turman. And we are always looking for articles that may be of interest to Region 10 members and think that everyone will enjoy reading about the backyard hybridizing program of Cullen Merritt. Everyone has heard the Power Point presentations of the large commercial hybridizers, but Cullen shows that even the smallest enthusiast can have success in hybridizing.

Don't overlook the recap of the Mid-Winter Symposium which was held in Bowling Green, KY this year. Nothing will pull you out of the winter doldrums quicker than meeting with other gardeners and talking about daylilies and plants. Club reports as usual appear near the back of the issue and provide a wonderful resource for ideas for club activities. And last but not least, in this issue appears the Popularity Poll. There are new rules this year, and you might want to review those as you fill out your ballot.

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From the
REGION 10 HISTORIAN
Elizabeth Trotter

In previous columns, I've talked about the importance of preserving historical documents pertaining to your club. Some of the most important items to preserve are membership rosters, meeting minutes, and photos. A spreadsheet of club officers, newsletter editors, historians, and other positions is also an important document to maintain. The people, the meeting activities, the flower shows—they are all part of the history of your club.

In this column, I'd like to talk about the preservation of photos. Arranging photos in chronological order in an album with acid free paper and polyester, polypropylene or polyethylene sheets to protect them is an option. Avoid PVC as it can emit hydrochloric acid that will damage your photos as it deteriorates. Photo albums are portable, and easy for people to flip through to enjoy the memories. These days, most people are using digital cameras. The possibilities are endless with digital photos, using them for a club website, or Facebook page, not to mention adding a lot of interest to newsletters. It's easy to upload photos to the Cloud using services such as Dropbox or Google Drive to allow members to access the photos from anywhere. They can be password protected, or open to the public.

If your club wishes to preserve older printed photos or slides, it is easier than ever to transfer the images to the format of your choice using a scanner. Companies offering scanning services are available, but these days, it is not that difficult, or expensive, to process your own. Many printers incorporate scanners in their features. Now that the technology is more readily available, the prices are very affordable for a club or an individual to invest in a multi-function digital film scanner, which can convert 35mm, 126, 110, 135, Super 8, and 8 mm film negatives or slides to JPEG format. The better models have a view screen and save the images to a SD card. Some models have cables to attach the unit to a larger screen for viewing. Look for a model with high resolution output that can then be saved to your computer or manipulated as you wish. The higher the resolution and the more features a scanner has, the higher the cost. Some models have an integrated memory, and allow you to edit the photos without having to buy separate photo editing software. Photos can be retouched and scratches removed using Digital ICE (image correction and enhancement) technology, which uses infrared light. You may prefer to use Photoshop or other photo editing software. It's best not to scan your photos using a sheet-fed scanner, as it can damage the originals. Once you have converted your prints, negatives, or slides to digital format, make backup copies on your computer, external hard drive, SD cards, flash drive, DVD, or other media.

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From the
REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Libby Hickman

As I sit and write, a little tune comes to mind: "Rain, rain go away; come again some other day." Anyone else thought about this little tune lately? Well even though we have had a tremendous amount of rain, I do believe that they over estimated what we were going to receive this week (7-12 inches), and I'm so glad. The creek behind my home is as high as I have ever seen, and we still have several more days of rain to come. Even though I'm not much of a fan of all the rain, I'm sure the daylilies are overjoyed. They are preparing to knock our socks off this summer in bloom. Now that is exciting to think about.

Our summer meeting will be in the Tri-Cities area this year. I was fortunate enough to attend last time around, and I have a few of my favorite daylilies that came from that meeting. H. 'Bays Mountain Sunshine' is one of those flowers. I'm certainly looking forward to touring again this year. I've had to miss a few daylily events lately and I can't wait to catch up with you all.

Let's all MEET AT THE MEADOW!! It won't be long till we see Daylily Show schedules. Just remember that you can show the current popularity poll winners, or you may add the previous daylilies that have achieved the status of Region 10 Daylily Hall of Fame Winner (*listed at right for Region 10*). This is received by winning the top vote for at least 3 years. Due to this achievement, the daylily is no longer available on the pop poll ballot for voting.

Speaking of the popularity poll, the ADS has a new Pop Poll Chair, Rebecca Board. This year ALL votes will need to be made electronically. Don't worry, if you do not have access to vote on-line, please make sure I receive your ballot BEFORE September 1, 2019, and I will enter your vote for you. This will help in maintaining accuracy and being able to easily obtain information in the future. This is an important activity in our society. PLEASE VOTE. Your vote is important to our Region.

Enjoy your daylily season and look for daylilies that are listed in the new Popularity Poll for 2019. (*See Ballot in this issue and be sure to vote before September 1*)

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Region 10 Daylily Hall of Fame Winners

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

*(*indicates tie)*

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



From the
AHS REGION 10 DIRECTOR

MaryAnn Duncan

Since my last report to you in these pages (August 2018), the AHS/ADS Board of Directors has met in the historic Desota Hotel in downtown Savannah, Georgia. We were hosted by the 2020 National Convention host club, the Ogeechee Daylily Club. The room was full as all 15 directors were present as well as several special chairs and society staff members for the two days of meetings. During our time together, we:

1. Approved the hiring of Adele Keohan as the Executive Editor and Advertising Manager for the Daylily Journal. Meg Ryan retired as of December 31, 2018. Adele is from Region 4 and is the editor of their newsletter.
2. Jacob Braun who many of you may know as editor of the Daylily Dispatch, formerly known as the E-news, is our new webmaster. Jacob also serves as the ADS Social Media Manager.
3. Several technology projects were approved. A) Meet current website change requests. B) Re-write much of the existing code for daylily registrations and database search. C) Create a new e-commerce solution to move from selling books on the portal and move to one resource, our website. D) Develop a photo repository solution to store the thousands of photos belonging to ADS and housed in multiple locations. These projects will not require new funding but will use funds already budgeted for technology.
4. A balanced budget for 2019 was approved with the help of the FB auction and other giving campaigns and the oversight of spending and planning by our ADS treasurer, Kyle Billadeau.
5. Beverly Winkleman, our Membership Manager, reported a 3% increase in membership this past year. Yea!! The participation in the Chaperone listing with the American Horticulture Society has helped in lessening the loss of members. A new membership roster has been published on the portal as of November.
6. The Board voted on the winners of the various awards which will be announced in Madison, Wisconsin this summer – The Bertrand Farr award, the Helen Field Fisher award, Regional awards, the Electronic Media Award and the Steve Moldovan Mentoring winners. Additionally, we voted on the prestigious Lenington Award and it was won by H. 'White Eyes Pink Dragon'.
7. Nationally, we had seven Ophelia Taylor Awards and 27 Achievement Medal winners in 2018, one of each of these from our Region 10. Congratulations again to Kenny Manis from the Middle Tennessee Club for his Achievement Medal winner registered as H. 'Sugared Grapes'. Tucker Gaby of Harrison, TN won the coveted and most difficult to achieve Ophelia Taylor Horticultural Award.
8. A large grant for Technology was received last year. It will be put in a restricted fund for future technology plans and upgrades.

9. The President, Judie Branson, presented new committees, chairs and staff for 2019 and the Board of Directors ratified her choices. Those have been posted on the website. Judie also formed three important committees – Bylaws Review Committee, Presidential Nominating Committee and the National Convention Study Committee.

10. At this time, we still have NO hosts for the national convention beyond 2020. I know several clubs in our region have been approached and subsequently turned down the opportunity. Many reasons are cited: money, low membership, aging resources and lack of display gardens are among them.

11. The membership committee drew for a \$500 credit in daylilies. Clubs in the drawing were those that held the highest percentage of ADS members in their local club (Gold or Platinum status). In 2018, the Puget Sound Daylily Club from Region 8 was the recipient. Email membershipChair@daylilies.org for more information on this program. YOUR club could be the next winner!

In conclusion, thank you to all of the Region 10 members for having the confidence in me to serve as your Director.

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Editor's Note – MaryAnn's AHS Director's Report and Exhibition Judges Liaison Report were inadvertently switched in the previous issue. The Daylily Appeal apologizes for the error.



From the
AHS REGISTRAR
Elizabeth Trotter

In 2006, the new Online Daylily Database was unveiled to the public. It included a few photos, but the intent was to have photos of all registrations going forward. Gradually, more and more photos were added, until in 2010, inclusion of a photo with each registration became a firm requirement. Over the years, many thousands of previously missing photos have been added to the Online Database. This became such a monumental task that it was impossible for one person (the Registrar) to complete while still processing registrations in a timely manner. So, the Registration Image Collection Subcommittee was formed. Initially, its mission was to collect historic daylily photographs and submit them to the Registrar for evaluation and inclusion in the Online Daylily Database. Gradually, their scope widened, and now they scour the Database for ANY missing cultivar photos. Thanks

to their dedicated volunteer service, we have added thousands more photos to the Database. In addition to the Image Collection Subcommittee, many photos are also submitted by hybridizers, their friends and relatives if the hybridizer is deceased, and by many members of the daylily-loving public. All these photos must be carefully considered for provenance, as well as their accurate reflection of the registered description of the daylily. After a photo has been approved, I or Nikki Schmith of the Technology Committee link the photo to the appropriate record and upload it. It's a time-intensive process, but very rewarding. If you have photos to submit, you may email them to images@daylilies.org

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Exhibition Judges Liaison Report

MaryAnn Duncan

Winter is almost over, or so the calendar says! As I look out my window on this early March day, the snow is falling and there is already an inch and a half on the ground! I hope your gardens have survived the roller coaster weather we have had with the up and down temperatures, one week of winter weather and then a week of spring. And the rain! Oh, my goodness, the blooms should be beautiful this year if the plants did not drown. Several successful online Exhibition Clinics were held in late fall last year and earlier this year. Another Exhibition Clinic III is in the works for April. This is an excellent way to attend class without leaving the comfort of your home and get credit for it. You are urged to take advantage of these opportunities whenever possible. And if you have ever entertained the thought of becoming an exhibition judge, these online classes give you the opportunity to become a junior judge in one year. You could take Exhibition I on line and then sign up for Exhibition II at the regional or national meeting. How cool is that! There is a new FB page for AHS Exhibitions and Judging. This group is dedicated to ADS Exhibition Judges, show chairs and all others associated with accredited ADS exhibition shows. It is designed to facilitate discussions about judging, judges' education and exhibitions, and for the dissemination of information to judges and show

personnel. There are several files available free for downloading on this site. It was decided at the AHS Fall Board meeting that the email Robin will be for ADS members only. Nonmembers were deleted earlier this year.

The complete list of 2018 cultivar award winners has been published and is available on the website. The AHS Technology Committee produced a PDF (sharable, printable, and downloadable) and it has been shared heavily on Facebook. It is posted on our website.

There has been a rules change regarding the ADS Photo and Video awards. 1) An entrant may submit up to five (5) digital images or videos in each award category unless specifically noted otherwise. 2) Only registered cultivars published in the check list are allowed.

Rebecca Board is our new Popularity Poll Chair replacing John Martin who had held the position for many years. There is a Pop Poll voting system redesign under construction. It will add new additions to allow the Popularity Poll Chair to provide custom configuration options to regions, export online votes, and to input tabulator results without assistance. Additionally, code will be provided which will interface with the new

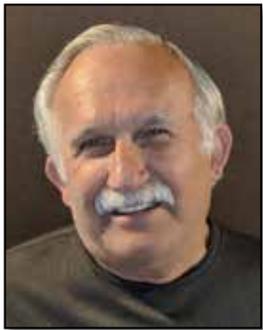
DaylilyAPI to display the ballots and the results directly within the new website. To get our 2019 daylily season off to a great start, consider encouraging your local club to host a live daylily display somewhere in your community this year. It could be an accredited show full of pomp and circumstance, or an intimate display of off-scape blooms at the library, a garden center, church, hospital, retirement center, mall, or a local merchant. We have several clubs in Kentucky, Tennessee and nearby neighboring states who are hosting daylily shows this year. I invite you to visit them and take in the beautiful display of scapes and designs. You may find a cultivar or two you want to add to your collection. Have you signed up for DaylilyPods? It is a recently created gathering place for daylily-centric podcasts and conversation. Simply put, a podcast is talk radio, but on demand. DaylilyPods currently features "The Fifty Year Affair", the story of a society and its flower by Frances Gatlin and the upcoming "The Humble Hemeroholic." Like the page on Facebook to post your thoughts about the shows and episodes, and to interact with the current show hosts Nikki Schmith (IL) and Rhonda Veroeven (WI) and subjects of the various podcasts. OR listen on your computer at <http://daylilies.online/podcasts>. If you are

impressed with the leadership and service an AHS member in Region 10 has provided at the regional level and are interested in nominating that person for a National Region 10 Service Award, you are encouraged to submit their name to Claude Carpenter, Awards and Honors Chair. Put your thoughts, achievements,

and accolades in a letter and send it to him at 6075 Vickery Point, Cumming, GA 30040 or email him at awards@daylilies.org. Remember to support your local club and its leaders. And renew your 2019 AHS/ADS membership. I look forward to Meeting you at The Meadows, June 28-29, in Knoxville, TN for our Region

10 Summer meeting and garden tours. Until then, if I can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or email.

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Garden Judges Liaison Report

Bill Schardein

Come one and come all... We are always in need of good Garden Judges who are really into daylilies. It's never too late to become a Garden Judge in your own region! Hopefully you are aware of the new online training to become a Garden Judge that has just had its initial debut. This is the key to allow you to be able to cast your own ballot for the AHS (ADS) Awards and Honors. You will also be able to see what others consider in daylilies to be good performers in your own region. This past January, the first online classes were offered on two different dates and times. It was a free online class for credit. You should have gotten an email explaining how it would work and who to contact to ask questions. Of course, the same rule applies that you have to be an AHS member for the past twelve months before you take or attend this training. Also, you will need to be an AHS member for 24 consecutive

calendar months before you can send your completed application to your Regional President to be approved to be a judge. Most people take one workshop at a time, but when you can study ahead, you may find a time when you would be able to take both on the same day. Be sure to check with your local regional or maybe one that you could be visiting or with the National Convention to find when they are offering these workshops. You can sign up ahead to enable the chairperson time to get the teachers and materials that will be needed for workshops. As a garden judge, you should grow a variety of daylilies in your own garden. This helps you to better learn how to evaluate as you visit other gardens especially in your region. Remember to keep a record of all the gardens you visit and note if in your region or other regions and at the National Convention gardens since you will need to send a log every five



years to your Records Chairperson and audit the class every five years to keep your status current. This can be a very interesting aspect of your daylily life, so "Come one, come ALL!". As in all things, there are always new things that I have to learn and now especially with the online training workshops. So I hope to learn more about this at our 2019 Mid-Winter Symposium to be held in Bowling Green, KY, February, 8-10, 2019. Some of the online creators will be there, so hopefully I will learn a bit more myself, and as always I am still learning too! Hope to see you there or at the Summer Regional in Kingsport, TN in June or at the National Convention in Madison, Wisconsin in July. Happy Daylilying!
Good Gardening,

Bill Schardein
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2019 Flower Shows



BLUE GRASS DAYLILY SOCIETY

JUNE 23, 2019

Entry Times: 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Public Viewing: 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Site: Lexington Green Mall, Lexington, KY

Show Chair: Deron Wilmoth

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DAYLILY SOCIETY OF LOUISVILLE

JUNE 22, 2019

Entry Times: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Public Viewing: 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Sale Hours: 11:00 AM until sold out

Site: Mid-City Mall

1250 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40204

Show Chair: Richard Porter

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MEMPHIS DAYLILY SOCIETY

JUNE 9, 2019

Off-Scape Bloom Display and Sale

Site: Memphis Botanical Garden

Hours: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

MIDDLE TN DAYLILY SOCIETY

JUNE 15, 2019

Entry Times: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Public Viewing: 12:30PM – 4:00PM

Sale Hours: 10:00 – 4:00

Site: Calvary Methodist Church
Nashville, TN

Show Chair: Jay Turman

Show Co-Chair: Jack Alexander

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TN VALLEY DAYLILY SOCIETY

JUNE 9, 2019

Entry Times: Not Available

Public Viewing: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Site: Barn Nursery

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Show Chairman: Joan Trundle & June Scoggins

Contact: Joan Trundle

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WEST TN DAYLILY SOCIETY

JUNE 15, 2019

Entry Times: 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Public Viewing: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Sale Hours: No Sales

Site: Old Hickory Mall of Jackson
Jackson, Tennessee

Show Chairman: Lorene Crone

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NO SHOWS SCHEDULED IN 2019

- **KENTUCKY DAYLILY FANS**
- **LOUISVILLE AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY**
- **TRI-CITIES DAYLILY CLUB**

AHS Region 10 Treasurer's Report

JUNE 1, 2018 – DECEMBER 31, 2018

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

Checkbook/Bank balance as of 5/31/18 \$ 25,805.67

INCOME

MWS Auction/Raffle	\$ 1,375.00
2 checks in memory of Lee Pickles	75.00
Add back check for shipping - not cashed	16.00
Deposits for 2019 MWS	2,370.00
Donation from SWIDS (Southwestern Indiana Daylily Society, Inc.) to MWS/Daylily Appeal	3,000.00
Allowance from AHS for Reg 10 Summer Newsletter	239.25
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 7,075.25

EXPENSES

Reg 10 President Regional and National Convention expenses	\$ 1,381.31
Region 10 Director National Convention expenses	855.28
Speaker flight exp for 2019 MWS	446.10
Editor fee Fall/Winter 2018	750.00
2018 AHS Insurance for Reg 10	97.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (3,530.19)

Checkbook Balance as of 12/31/18 \$ 29,350.73

Note: When Kyle Billideau sent the Allowance from AHS on the Summer newsletter she deducted the 2018 AHS Insurance fees.

2019 Mid-Winter Symposium Treasurer's Report

INCOME & EXPENSE SUMMARY

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

INCOME

2018/2019 Registration fees	\$ 7,800.00
Auction/Silent Auction/Shipping	5,213.41
Raffle	220.00
Extra dinners	360.00
TOTAL	\$ 13,593.41

EXPENSES

Credit Card Fees	\$ 82.59
Auction Plant Shipping	560.00
University Plaza Inn Charges	8038.14
Photo Contest	51.68
Postage	20.00
Printing for Registration Table	32.85
Name Badges	18.00
Wineception Expense - Cokes	6.25
Speaker Expenses/Honorarium	1,508.97
TOTAL Expenses	\$ 10,318.48
Income over Expenses	\$ 3,274.93



THE HISTORY OF *Middle Tennessee Daylily Society*

Written by Jay Turman

“How do you start a Daylily Society?”

That was the question I asked Region 10 RVP Stuart Oakes at the Regional meeting in Chattanooga in 1989. He shrugged his shoulders and replied, “You just start it”. After that fountain of information I asked the newly elected RVP, Lee Pickles, the same question and received virtually the same answer.

The start of this saga began in Europe in 1982 when we met a very quiet, scrawny, little old lady that was on the same tour. During the two weeks the tour lasted we became friends and were amazed to hear that she was a well-known hybridizer of daylilies and lived in Murfreesboro. Since we were daylily enthusiasts she asked Peggy and me to visit her at her farm during daylily blooming season where we’d sit on her back porch and look at 2 ½ acres of

daylily seedlings while drinking box wine. We became good friends over the years and were surprised when she gave us memberships to AHS and paid for our registrations at the aforementioned Regional. While there we met Mitchell Leichhardt and his niece Cindy Schott from Bowling Green, KY, who agreed that we should have a daylily society in Nashville. By placing a small announcement in the Green Hills News of the founding meeting eleven people gathered in our living room in the fall of 1989. Virginia was one of those 11. She smiled a lot that night but remained silent and aloof. Almost every one there was elected to the board of the Middle TN Daylily Society except her. She simply declined. The second meeting in November of 1990 was held at Cheekwood with 19 daylily fanciers including Earl and Laura Rosser, new transplants from Atlanta and daylily judges. After the program given by Casey Schott of slides of Mitchell Leichhardt’s daylily hybridizing as well as gardens he had visited around the country, Earl had the nerve to suggest that we have a daylily show that summer. With Earl volunteering to be chairman six daylily judges were invited to judge our first show “We’ve Only Just Begun” on the third Saturday in June at Cheekwood. We had no money. To pay for the show lots of ads were sold to appear in our show schedule and boxes of daylilies were sold by color, not name, and we sold out. Cola and wine bottles were used as our containers with the bottles camouflaged by wrapping them in green construction paper held with matching green rubber bands on matching green table cloths made by Peggy Turman.

*Jay Turman and
Past AHS President,
Nell Jessup*



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Flower Show at Cheekwood



Virginia Peck



Early Flower Show Display

Judges were given honorariums of a big \$25 dollars. Judge Lillian Grovenstein from Atlanta returned her check with the suggestion we use the money to “buy flower holders”. That fall we held a daylily sale at a garden nursery where 300-400 would-be gardeners cleaned us out in 4 hours and we made \$4,800.00. That was more than enough to buy custom made flower holders! At the end of 1990 our members numbered 80, but we lost our most important one, Virginia Peck, whose gentle impetus started the MTDS ball rolling. At only 18 months old we took on the huge project of hosting the Region 10 Meeting. Seventy three people, including the AHS President Dorothea Bolt, attended with David Kirchoff from Florida as the main speaker. We bused attendees to various local gardens and Opryland on Saturday and the next day to Bowling Green, KY, to the Schotts and Leichhardt gardens. The registration was \$45 with the price of a room at the Holiday

Inn Vanderbilt costing \$56. As if this was not enough to do we also had our second annual daylily show, “Second Time Around”, the same weekend. Later in 1991 we planted a beautiful daylily garden on the grounds of Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Fine Arts Center. We asked hybridizers from all over the country to donate their finest daylilies to be on display here and they really responded. A total of 255 beautiful cultivars were planted in a design by Mitchell Leichhardt around a beautiful lattice gazebo. The Virginia Peck garden was our main project for years until, sadly, it was done away with by a new regime at Cheekwood and a well-known garden designer from NYC who didn’t think it “fit in” with Cheekwood’s plans. 1991 also was the year we began an unusual event called the Cultivar Acquisition Program, or CAP. It was started to coerce more people to join the AHS by simply rewarding only those members that were AHS members and attended a

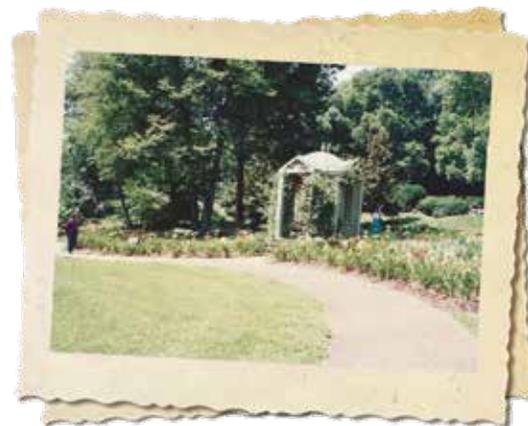
certain number of events and meetings with a new daylily cultivar from a chosen hybridizer. After growing the daylily for two years, one fan was returned and planted in the Virginia Peck Daylily Garden and one fan was kept by the grower with the remaining increases auctioned off to MTDS members. We still have the extremely popular Cultivar Acquisition Program. Now, however, at the end of a two year period, the grower keeps 2 fans and the rest of the increases are returned to be auctioned off to the members. It is so popular that the auction has almost paid for the expense of the program. One of the most exciting events in our short life was in 1992 when we hosted the fall AHS Board of Directors meeting. Nell Jessup was president and Darrel Apps, Ken Cobb, Betty Roberts and Bertie Ferris were just a few that represented all regions of the country. The business meeting was at a motel but we entertained them at night with dinners at the homes of Walt & Liz Gobble and Mike and Betsy Lindseth with all our membership invited. Nell wrote, “We enjoyed the privilege of sharing time with all the members and being able to visit the two lovely homes which were so graciously opened to us.” We were impressed with the interest, enthusiasm, and cooperation among the members and again we thank you for the hospitality extended to us. The rest of 1992 went smoothly also. Every year we’ve had a larger show still with only 9 judges. Two years ago the 340 entries we had proved to be the second largest show in the country. Nine judges have never worked so fast or done such a good job! The Virginia Peck Memorial Award, a cash prize, is

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one of our unique show aspects. Only one VP cultivar, not entered elsewhere in the show, per member is allowed. We were honored with a certificate of appreciation for our community service at Cheekwood by the Intermuseum Council of Nashville. The certificate was presented at the annual ICON awards luncheon at the Hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson, plus The Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. gave us an Award of Merit for several daylily shows including "Daylilies on the Cumberland". Each year we have at least twelve meetings. Some are work sessions,

but meetings of any sort seem to involve food. Food is very popular with our 100 plus members. Also our yearly standard is inviting a hybridizer to speak. The exception was the year we invited Sydney Eddison, the author of "A Passion for Daylilies", to speak. After all these years people still mention that evening. For our 20th anniversary we had a catered luncheon that brought out old daylily friends. Ditto for our 25th anniversary but for a very exciting addition. Linda Hassler gave all attending a fan of her beautiful new introduction "25th Anniversary". This year we



Early Display Garden at Cheekwood

are celebrating thirty years and we've grown considerably. Neither Stuart Oakes nor Lee Pickles told me that good dedicated hard workers are necessary for a successful club. But we obviously have been blessed with them. I think Virginia Peck would be proud.

Region 10 – AHS Garden Judges

(Year represents Judge Term Expiration)

Greg Crane	2021	Debbie Monbeck	2019	Michael Stephens	2021
Lorene Crone	2021	Morton L Morss	2024	Laura Teague	2021
Linda Donald	2019	Helen Porter	2021	Elizabeth Trotter	2020
Mary Ann Duncan*⌘	2021	Richard Porter	2019	Greg Trotter	2020
Libby Hickman	2019	Richard Rosen*	2022	Claudia Wolff	2021
Nancy E Ligon	2020	Bill Schardein*⌘	2022	Donald Wolff	2021
Brenda Macy*	2020	June Scoggins	2020	Janice Wood	2022
Lisa Meadows	2021	Marie Seaman	2021		

* *Instructor Level I* ⌘ *Liaison*

Region 10 – AHS Exhibition Judges

(Year represents Judge Term Expiration)

Jack Alexander	2020	Sam Hassler	2021	Joy Saputa	2022
Gary Bunch*	2021	Libby Hickman	2021	June Scoggins	2022
Ann Coats +	2019	David Kirchhoff	2021	Marie Seaman	2022
Will E. Coltharp*	2019	Brenda Macy	2022	Deborah S. Smith*	2021
Cynthia Cory	2021	Lisa Meadows	2020	Laura Teague	Student
Greg Crane*	2019	Sandra S. Merritt	2019	Jay Turman*	2021
Lorene Crone*	2022	Debbie Monbeck	2022	Peggy Turman*	2021
MaryAnn Duncan* ⌘	2022	Helen Porter	2022	Russell Turner	2019
Willie Graham	2021	Richard Porter	2022	Sharon Turner	2019
Maurice Greene*	2019	Emily Robertson	Honorary	Deron Willmoth	2021
Linda F. Hassler	2021	Richard H. Rosen*	2021		

* *Instructor Level I* + *Junior Judge* ⌘ *Liaison*





POPULARITY POLL BALLOT

- Alexander's Ragtime Band
- Alien DNA
- All American Chief
- Alpha and Omega
- Always Afternoon
- Angel's Share
- Ashton's Giggles
- Banana Buds
- Barbara Mandrell
- Barbara Watts
- Bass Gibson
- Bays Mountain Sunshine
- Beautiful Edgings
- Bela Lugosi
- Big Kiss
- Bill Norris
- Black Velvet Baby
- Blazing Cannons
- Bourbon on Ice
- Brookwood Black Kitten
- Buckskin Tales
- Butter Pecan
- Cardinal Kisses
- Carnival in Mexico
- Charles Johnston
- Curls Gone Wild
- Denver Scott
- Dorothy and Toto
- Double Blue Blood
- Double Sanibel Sunrise
- Entwined in the Vine
- Faith That Moves Mountains
- Firefly Frenzy
- Fooled Me
- God Save the Queen
- Great Red Herron
- Green Derby
- Greg Trotter
- Harry's Office
- Hello Morning
- Holiday Party
- How Beautiful Heaven Must Be
- Indian Giver
- Indian Ripple
- Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis
- Jamie Dockery
- Jingle Bell Rock
- Julie Newmar
- Land of Cotton
- Lavender Blue Baby
- Lee Reinke
- Linda Beck
- Lindsey Ishee
- Little Lemon Twist
- Little Mucha Minto
- Looking For Love
- Margaret Tucker
- Mary's Gold
- Mayor of Munchkinland
- Mean Green
- Merlot
- Mildred Mitchell
- Moonlit Masquerade
- Moses Fire
- Mountains Bow Down
- Neon Flamingo
- Ocean Depths
- Orange Velvet
- Panic in Detroit
- Paper Butterfly
- Peggy Jeffcoat
- Pinwheel Princess
- Point of View
- Porterhouse
- Pursuit of Pleasure
- Radiation Biohazard
- Regency Heights
- Ruby Spider
- Savannah Debutante
- Sebastin the Crab
- Shattered Glass
- She Laughed
- Skinwalker
- Spider Man
- Stolen Treasure
- Ted's Tee Time
- Thin Man
- Tidewater Elf
- Trenton Song to the Moon
- Truly Angelic
- Vino De Travis
- Voluptuous Blonde
- Wayne And Cora
- Webster's Pink Wonder
- White Eyes Pink Dragon
- Wilson Spider
- Wispy Rays
- Yellow Explosion

Please choose up to 10 cultivars. Submission: Voting will be completely electronically this year.

Please send your vote to me if you need assistance. Every Region 10 AHS member is eligible and encouraged to participate.

WRITE IN VOTES (up to 3):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Mail to: Libby Hickman
7806 Clara Chase Dr
Ooltewah, TN 37363

Email: Ldbell123@msn.com

Your Name (printed): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Club Affiliation(s): _____

DEADLINE: September 1, 2019 PLEASE VOTE AFTER THE 2019 BLOOM SEASON

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Lucas & Bonnie Holman



PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS

Sandra Merritt & Kate Patrick



Friday Afternoon & Friday Evening Sessions February 8, 2019

By Will Coltharp, Leipers Fork, TN

The 29th Annual Mid-Winter Symposium kicked off its festivities on Friday afternoon, February 8, 2019 in new surroundings, - The Holiday Inn - University Plaza, in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Over 80 attendees began the weekend with registration outside the meeting rooms in the hotel's 10 story open air atrium. At 2:45 PM, the hybridizer 'Show and Tell' session began with several hybridizers volunteering to show their latest introductions and seedlings in brief presentations. This was followed by the traditional MWS Wineception at 4:45, a "meet and greet" opportunity for all those attending the symposium. The name may begin with the word wine, but the gathering should perhaps be more appropriately named, "Foodception" as one thing daylily people know how to do besides garden, is to cook. I always do a quick walkthrough to scout out any interesting appetizers or desserts

and quickly discovered Rebecca Scarborough's delicious Brandy Cookies. I must get that recipe from her - they were a treat!

The evening's events began with Lorene Crone, Region 10 RP, formally welcoming the group to Region 10 and the symposium. We were honored to have in attendance this year, the AHS Registrar, Region 10's own Elizabeth Trotter, the AHS Chief Financial Officer and immediate past president, Nikki Schmith, the AHS Webmaster, Jacob Braun, and the AHS Vice President, Scott Elliott, who also helped all weekend with the AV oversight. Dinner was a buffet style delicious soup selection with choices of salad, 'build-your-own potato bar' or croissant sandwich.

We had hardly finished dinner when it was time for the entertaining Lucas Holman and his presentation, "Alternatives to the Usual Pest Ridden Suspects". Lucas is a daylily lover and a UT TSU Agricultural extension agent who knows his plants!! I must admit it was somewhat disheartening to learn that I have planted several undesirable trees and shrubs over the years, but the good news was seeing all the pictures of the new and upcoming trees, shrubs, and plants to



Bill & Chris Schardein

consider for planting in our yards. It was difficult to write fast enough to keep up, but fortunately we all left with a handout with all the names of everything that we had been shown.

After a short break, the evening auction began with Lucas Holman and Nikki Schmith graciously offering to provide their auctioneering skills to keep the auction going at an entertaining and lively pace. Bargains were to be had but the bidding was still spirited.

After the auction, everyone was invited to the Hospitality Room for late evening snacks and a little socializing before retiring to rest up for the next day's events which was to begin bright and early with a free morning breakfast buffet.

Saturday Morning February 9, 2019

By Elizabeth Trotter

Saturday morning's session was started off with a fun presentation by the always entertaining David Bishop from Cartersville, Georgia. The title of his program was "In Quest of Little Daylilies." David has been hybridizing since 2007, and registered his first daylilies, 'Doug Cochran' and 'Shady Rest Yellow Jackets', in 2011. His most recent introductions, 'Brooks' and 'Beckham', were named for his grandsons. 'Brooks' is a small, 3 ¼" red bloom with a darker red eye. 'Beckham' is also a small, 3 ¼" bloom, light orange sherbet in color, with a beautiful, rose red eye.

In his quest for little daylilies, David first set goals for what he wanted to achieve. He wanted to focus on an area in which not many people were working. He talked to veteran hybridizers wherever he went to learn from their experiences. Then, he sought breeding stock from the best of the daylilies that met his criteria. David considers branching and bud count to be important qualities in a daylily. As he started breeding daylilies, he chose the ones that were closest to his goals to use in his next generation of crosses. He plants plenty of seeds so he will have a good crop of seedlings to work with each year. David cautions that in pursuit of your goals, don't get distracted by "pretty faces" or the latest trends in hybridizing.

About ten percent of David's daylilies bloom the first year in Northwest Georgia. David notes that if you are pursuing recessive

traits, line breeding is likely to take you where you want to go, faster. Outcrossing can be used to keep bad traits from developing. One of David's hybridizing friends, Don Eller, is known for using plays on the word "duck" in his daylily names. He gave David permission to use "chicken" names. David advises that you keep a list of all the brilliant names you think of, or you might forget. David shared photos of many promising seedlings, most of them small, with eyes. Everyone in the audience enjoyed his creative, fun names, such as "The Chicken Sleeps Tonight", "A Chicken Runs Through It", and "Attila the Hen". Along with his small seedlings, David is also seeing some neat unusual forms, beautiful, complex eyes, and doubles. David has been married to his wife, Doris, for 40 years. She is beginning to hybridize too, working on small and miniature unusual forms, and spiders.

Next up, we were treated to a program by David Kirchhoff of Daylily World, entitled "Sixty Years of Daylily Cultivars, Gardens, AHS, and

Friendships." David started out hybridizing on five acres in Florida; then in 2006, he and Mort Morss moved to Kentucky to continue their daylily journey. To date, David has registered over 680 daylilies and Mort almost 300. Together, they have named many daylilies for friends and to honor famous people. One of David's best-known, classic reds was named 'Barbara Mandrell' (Kirchhoff-D., 2009). This clear, saturated red with a ruffled, bright gold edge and lime green throat won an Honorable Mention in 2015. Another exemplar of red was named 'Betty Ford' (Kirchhoff-D., 2002). A noted early season bloomer, it won the Award of Merit in 2010. 'Betty Ford' was also named "Hemerocallis of the Year" by Hemerocallis Europa. David said that 'Lusty Lealand' (Peck, 1970) is in the background of many true reds. 'Betty Woods' (Kirchhoff-D., 1980), a lovely, fragrant yellow double, was David's first Stout Medal winner. He recalls that it was first shown at Valdosta, Georgia. Betty Woods was a well-known exhibition judge, who traveled



Faye Morris, Chris Massengill



Ray Clark, Linda Luck

Mort Morss, Sandy Swayze,
Debbie Monbeck, Chris Swayze,
David Kirchhoff



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the exhibition circuit for years. 'Barbara Watts' (Kirchhoff-D., 2008), named for a former AHS board member, is a peach blend double with extremely ruffled and toothy edges. Winner of several awards, it most recently won an Award of Merit in 2018. 'Cary Grant' (Kirchhoff-D., 2004) is a stunning raspberry red which won an Honorable Mention in 2010. 'Fabulous Frieda' (Kirchhoff-D., 2007) and 'Great Red Heron' (Kirchhoff-D., 2013) are two of his more contemporary registrations in red. 'Joan Jackson' (Kirchhoff-D., 2010) is an exceptional purple double which won an Honorable Mention in 2016. 'Roses with Peaches' (Kirchhoff-D., 1991) won the Annie T. Giles Award for the most outstanding small flower.

David mentioned 'Signature Truffle' (Kirchhoff-D., 2004) as a break in his program for doubles with fancy edges. David specifically called out 'Tay Tay La Breene' (Kirchhoff-D., 2010), saying he was proud of what that double represents in his breeding program. After a visit from Diana Grenfell, co-founder of the British Hosta and Hemerocallis Society, Mort was inspired to name a dark wine daylily with black veining in her honor: 'Diana Grenfell'

(Morss, 2002). His 'Fantasy Finish' (Morss, 1987) was the basis for his patterned program, and won an Honorable Mention in 2002. 'Witch Stitchery' (Morss, 1986) won the R.W. Munson, Jr. Award in 2001 for the most outstanding, distinctly patterned daylily. David noted that the striking 'Julie Newmar' (Morss, 2000) is in the parentage of the recent Stout Medal Winner, 'Entwined in the Vine' (Emmerich, 2007). 'Fortune's Dearest' (Morss, 1994) is one of the early examples of more elaborate edges, and is in the background of many of the "toothy" daylilies today. And of course, his 'Always Afternoon' (Morss, 1987) won the Stout Medal in 1997.

David shared a photo one of his mentors, the legendary Bertie Ferris, who did much for the Society. He also shared many personal photos of daylily friends, including Jim Cooper, Grace Stamile, Elizabeth Salter, John Rice, Curt Hanson, Gerda Brooker, Heidi Douglas, Jay and Peggy Turman, Joan Jackson, Rachel and Ludlow Lambertson, Shirley Farmer, Roy Woodhall, Steve Moldovan, Dr. Virginia Peck, and Lee Pickles, the founder of the Mid-Winter Symposium.

David and Mort's breeding program is a model of versatility. Their awards alone could fill several pages. Mary Baker's program, 'The Reluctant Hybridizer', was next. Mary explained that she started hybridizing because her friend, Tim Stanek, made her do it after seeing all the beautiful daylilies in her yard. She started with diploids, but soon switched to tetraploids. Oscie Whatley, the well-known hybridizer, was her friend and an important daylily mentor. Mary's hybridizing goals include clean, clear colors, good substance, and green throats. She is well-known for her vibrant, true reds, which are her first love, followed by clean whites. But, she keeps an open mind, and also dabbles in purples and unusual forms. Mary's garden was recently featured as an International Garden of the Week by Charlotte Chamitoff, who maintains a wonderful, daylily-centric website at www.daylilydiary.com. Mary named her best red to date 'Sean Michael' (Baker-M., 2013) in honor of her son. It is vigorous, sun and rain resistant, and multiplies rapidly. A recent introduction, 'Mary Barbara' (Baker-M., 2020) was named in honor of her mother, shortly before she passed. A beautiful, lemon yellow unusual form cascade with a red, feathered eye and green throat, it is also has the distinction of being the most fragrant daylily in Mary's garden.

Besides daylilies, Mary grows a nice selection of perennials for birds, bees and butterflies, including dill, milkweed, verbascum, and more colorful plants to attract them. One of Mary's proudest accomplishments was saving the historical and modern daylily collection at North Dakota State University. That particular area of the garden was slated to become a parking lot. After meeting with Mary and daylily club presidents from Winnipeg and Bismarck/Mandan, NDSU's President decided to save their plant collections and relocate them to a brand-new, 15-acre alternate campus entrance and arboretum. NDSU's historic daylily collection became the first public AHS Historic Daylily Display Garden. Mary also created a special 'Bison' series to benefit NDSU, the first of which was 'Bison Valentine' (Baker-M., 2013).



Jack Alexander, Lorene Crone



Bowling Green, KY, Site of the 2019 MWS and a few "Used Cows For Sale"



H. 'Mary Barbara' (Baker-M., 2020)

Saturday Afternoon February 9, 2019

By Janice Wood, Memphis, TN

Saturday afternoon started with Kate Patrick regaling us with stories and photos of her garden tour of England. She was born in England but her family moved to the USA when she was young. She had wanted to go tour there but had family responsibilities that had kept her in the US. After her Mother died she took the plunge and planned her tour and went. She visited Beth Chatto's garden in Essex (south east England). Beth is a renowned garden writer with multiple books that reflect her policy of "right plant, right place". The Chatto garden is in a dry area of England averaging 22" rain a year.

Kate's next garden was Colton Fishacre in Devon (southwest England) on the coast. This area is on the English Channel but is warmed by the Gulf Stream. Thus they are able to grow exotic tropical plants. The garden runs down a narrow combe (a valley cut by a stream running down to the sea). Kate showed lovely plants as she wandered down but said it was much harder going back up.

Her next stop was RHS Hyde Hall which is run by a horticultural charity. There are Dry gardens to demonstrate water conservation. Another area showcases Australian and New Zealand plants. Great Dixter, the home of garden writer Christopher Lloyd, was the next stop. The home is from the 14th century. She showed photos of the fascinating topiary garden set in a meadow surrounded with yew hedges. This garden is dedicated to garden education with multiple classes and symposia

conducted through the year. They use lots of pots of plants to change out displays through the seasons.

Next was Hampton Court Palace garden originally owned by Cardinal Wolsey in the early 1500's and then by Henry VIII. Kings and Queens have supervised the plantings of the gardens ever since. Plants she saw that she wants to try out are Heliniums, Bergenia, and Campanulas. Kate gave recommendations for planning your own English garden visits. Before you go buy some magazines and books. She recommends *The English Garden* and *Garden Illustrated* magazines. Join the Royal Horticultural Society which will get a magazine sent to you as well as free admission to all their gardens. The National Garden Scheme Yellow Book lists the private gardens that are open in the UK for that year. Proceeds go to charity. A lot of the gardens are rural so you will need to rent a vehicle to get to them. Rent the smallest car with automatic transmission that you can find as the country roads are quite narrow.

Sandy Holmes talked about her hybridizing program over the 25 years she has been doing it. She showed multiple slides showing the variations that one gets of offspring of specific crosses. She is hybridizing for very large tall UFOs, mostly TETs. To her a 7.5" daylily, which is an Extra Large daylily by the show schedule, is a small daylily. She is getting 12" blooms from her breeding now. She is also hybridizing to get frilly, toothy edges on those big UFOs. She used converted 'Skinwalker' early in her hybridizing to increase the size in her seedlings.

This year's introductions have a lot of names inspired by music lyrics, such as HELP ME RHONDA. Kristin Hatfield from Dorsets 'N' Daylilies in Zanesville OH spoke about her efforts working with double daylilies.

Sunday Morning February 10, 2019

By Kate Patrick, Murfreesboro, TN

We were a smaller crowd on Sunday morning as some participants had left early to get a head start on the winter weather to the north of us or to make plane flights. However, we all enjoyed the Invitation programs to the Region 10, Kingsport, TN in 2019, the AHS Convention, Middleton, WI in 2019 and the AHS Convention, Savannah, GA in 2020. They all looked like such fun with each area having something unique to offer.

The big draw in Kingsport is the excellent convention center and Blue Ridge Daylilies. In our area Bob Selman's and Eric Simpson's nursery and garden has become somewhat of a Mecca to which we would all like to make a pilgrimage! Wisconsin offers the advantage of being after our main season while Georgia falls just before our season really starts so they are each very tempting.

The winners of the Photo Contest were announced with Debbie Monbeck taking the honors in Macrophotography and Landscape while Cassie Graham won the Single Cultivar Close-up class with a beautiful shot of Jim Murphy's H. 'Pig Latin'. It was hard to choose between all the gorgeous entries. Jay Turman presented the Intros and Futures program for the 29th time at this Mid-Winter. It is amazing to think this Symposium has been going that long. We had over 300 flowers presented this year which was more than we have had in the past few years. Jay shared with us that in the heyday of the MWS he would typically have over 1000 slides for the audience to view. We all enjoyed seeing the latest and greatest intros and seedlings in the pipeline.

We all agreed that this year's Symposium was a great success and are looking forward to meeting in Bowling Green again next year.

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BACKYARD HYBRIDIZING

ONE MAN'S FORMULA FOR SUCCESS



By Will Coltharp

Just as there are daylilies of every description to catch the interest of even the most discriminating daylily fancier, there are also hybridizers of every description scattered across Region 10. Many people are already familiar with the big name commercial hybridizers, but it's the ease of daylily hybridizing that attracts so many small backyard hybridizers who through careful selection can create plants worthy

of registration just like the big name hybridizers. The Daylily Appeal was recently honored to visit the garden of a Region 10 hybridizer and daylily enthusiast, Cullen Merritt and his wife, Sandra, in Nashville, TN. After a brief 10 year foray into growing Gesneriads in a greenhouse, Cullen's interest turned to daylilies in 1991 after he and Sandra stopped at Oakes Daylilies in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The addiction was swift and unforgiving and by 1994 he began hybridizing in his backyard trying to create daylilies that were distinctive and garden worthy. Using the motto, "a good bloom on a good plant", Cullen's goals embodied the same goals of any large scale national hybridizer but he has not overlooked the most important goal of all for a backyard hybridizer, "to have a good time". These simple goals have allowed Cullen to register 18 new registrations since he began in 1994 and even though he stopped hybridizing in 2012, he continues to evaluate approximately 100 seedlings for possible future registration. Cullen has never been in a hurry to register an introduction and even though he began hybridizing in 1994, he didn't decide until 2008 to register his first daylily after over 10 years of evaluation in his own garden.

That's one of the perks of backyard hybridizing – there's no rush! This allows for a full evaluation in the garden over several years to truly determine if it is garden worthy. And as one would expect of a retired physician, Cullen's records are meticulous in their detail carefully tracking dates of the cross, parentage and documentation of all garden traits, good and bad. One of the remarkable things about Cullen and Sandra's garden is the small size in relation to the diversity and number of plants they are able to grow on an urban garden approximately 60' x 60'.

Cullen Merritt



Peak bloom in the Merritt garden

Photo at top:
H. 'I've Got It All' (Merritt, 2014)



Early spring in the Merritt garden

In this space and a few other small gardens scattered around the yard, approximately 650 different daylilies are grown in addition to the 1-200 seedlings being evaluated.

Cullen's hybridizing begins with the selection of the parents he wants to use. And he will be the first to admit that he has no clearly defined goals other than to have fun. His interest however over the years has varied from unusual form to full round forms with his most recent interest being, "tentacles and hooks". Beyond that he says it's more of a case of seeing two flowers that he admires and his curiosity of what the result would be if he crossed them.

Likely Cullen is too modest in his self-described approach since his

the refrigerator for their preferred cold treatment. He said that this method was described by well-known Region 10 hybridizer, the late Lee Pickles in his many blogs that can still be found on the internet. If allowed to dry for a couple of days before being placed in the zip lock bag, Cullen has never had any issues with mold or rot. At one time he would germinate the seeds inside the house in cups in early winter but this evolved into sowing the seeds outside in a prepared bed around the first of January. He says that this eliminates one step in the growing process and the results were equivalent to sowing inside the house for him. In Nashville when sown outside Cullen reports that germination occurs

Intelligent and thoughtful crossing can go a long way toward making up for not having access to acres of land and planting thousands of crosses

registrations clearly show a good eye for what is appealing. But his approach is not without precedent. Daylily enthusiasts may remember that the well-known hybridizer, Pauline Henry used a similar philosophy in her Siloam series of registrations. Daylily folklore talks about Pauline telling garden visitors that her hybridizing strategy in her own small 125 foot square garden was to simply cross "pretty with pretty". But by having an intuitive sense of what makes a superior, distinctive daylily and with ruthless culling, she was able to register 300 daylilies.

Intelligent and thoughtful crossing can go a long way toward making up for not having access to acres of land and planting thousands of crosses. As Cullen collects the seeds, he places them in plastic zip lock bags and stores them in

in early April. After a few weeks of growing he then moves the young 3-4 inch seedlings into what is referred to in the nursery trade as tree pots. These pots are narrow in width but 8 inches tall which allow for good root growth.

Due to limited space, Cullen will sometimes overwinter the seedlings in these pots or move them up to up to 1-2 gallon nursery containers before winter for bloom the second year. For especially vigorous plants he may move them into 3 gallon containers or line them out in raised beds made with 2"x 8" x 10' pressure treated boards. Cullen has had good luck with overwintering the pots by just covering with dried leaves in the fall with very little rot being seen.

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H. 'Green Spokes' (Merritt, 2014)



H. 'Cranberry Parfait' (Merritt, 2009)



Merritt Seedling 1



Merritt Seedling 2



Merritt Seedling 3



Merritt Seedling 4

BACKYARD HYBRIDIZING

ONE MAN'S FORMULA FOR SUCCESS

Seedlings in tree pots



"The Pot Farm"

This area of the garden is what Cullen humorously refers to as the "pot farm" and this is where the excitement occurs each year as the seedlings start to bloom. Hybridizing on a small scale requires ruthless culling, but with careful selection the results can be rewarding as can be seen by Cullen's introductions. When Cullen was asked to name his "top three" favorite introductions, he mentioned Hemerocallis 'Green Spokes' (Merritt, 2014), a cream pink 7.5" diploid unusual form and H. 'I've Got All' (Merritt, 2014), a full form 5.5" tetraploid pink polychrome with a bright yellow knobby edge. Rounding out the top three was his H. 'Cranberry Parfait' (Merritt, 2009), a large 6" cranberry red double

which has a lighter red watermark. Other favorites mentioned by Cullen were: H. 'Chris King' (Merritt, 2014), H. 'Trumpets of Glory' (Merritt, 2014) and H. 'Outback Princess' (Merritt, 2014).

And even though Cullen is no longer spreading pollen around for new crosses, he continues to evaluate approximately 100 seedlings with more than one likely to be registered in the future as can be seen by the pictures. In summary, Cullen is an example of why daylily hybridizing is so popular. No matter what size your yard, through careful selection and evaluation, distinctive introductions worthy of registration can be created by anyone and some fun can be had at the same time.

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Region 10 AHS Display Garden Focus

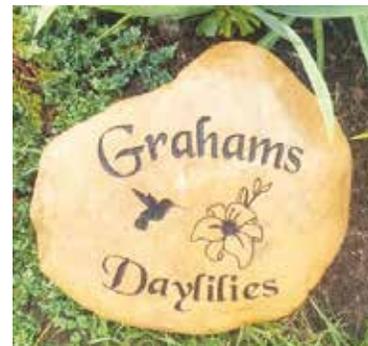
Grahams' Daylilies

Grahams' Daylilies is owned by Willie and Brent Graham in Lancaster, Kentucky. This garden became an AHS Display Garden in 2004 and some of you may have visited when it was featured on the Region 10 Summer Garden tour in 2005. Those that were there probably still remember eating homemade ice cream under a huge tent overlooking the garden. The garden consists of 51 beds of 1800 plus cultivars by approximately 110 hybridizers and many

other perennials such as iris, peonies, daffodils, and liliums. Willie loves rocks which you will see throughout the garden. When you arrive at 3406 Lexington Road, you are greeted by a large rock containing the house number. Chicken rocks are scattered around. In the past, chickens drank water from these hewed out sandstone rocks and they are considered collector's items today.

One will see bottle trees throughout the garden. Supposedly glass bottles will capture evil spirits during the night and the spirits are destroyed the next day in the sunshine. The bottle trees pictured originated in the ninth century in Central Africa. No, they don't work on the evil spirits in weeds!

You will see a special bed containing double cultivars. One particular cultivar is Hemerocallis 'Margaret Tucker' by David Kirchoff which named Willie as the 2008 Blue Grass Hemerocallis Society Show winner. Willie and Brent are active



members of BGHS where Willie serves as secretary. Other named beds contain cultivars of John Rice, Judy Davisson, James Gossard, Everett and Hazel Dougherty and many other hybridizers. Willie is a retired middle school social studies teacher and has a special interest in older cultivars by hybridizers such as Child, Goldner, Peck, and Webster.

Willie has no favorite daylily but her favorite color is red. A special red cultivar was hybridized by David Kirchoff especially for Willie and Brent in honor of her late husband known by everyone as "Mister Harold". Willie and Brent established a bed in Harold's honor. In this bed you will see tall, extra-large cultivars by Judy Davisson, John Rice, and Jamie Gossard.

Brent's favorite cultivars are spiders and unusual forms. His favorite cultivar has always been H. "Bali Watercolor". Grace Stamile introduced it the year Brent turned 21 and presented him with a cultivar for his birthday.

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Chicken Rock



Garden Bottle Tree



H. 'Margaret Tucker' (Kirchoff-D., 2000)



H. 'Mister Harold' (Kirchoff-D., 2016)



H. 'Bali Watercolor' (Stamile, 2002)

H. 'Cinderella's Dark Side' (Apps, 1995) and Daisy 'Becky'



Clematis 'Rougeheii'



Happy children leaving after a visit to Grahams' Daylilies

The garden owners have a love for other perennials besides daylilies. Pictured at left is H. 'Cinderella's Dark Side' by Apps in front of 'Becky' Daisy. 'Becky' starts blooming when daylilies bloom and if kept deadheaded, will continue to bloom until frost. Another special perennial in the garden is Clematis 'Rougeheii'. It starts blooming in May and continues to bloom until frost.

Everyone is always welcome at Grahams' Daylilies especially children. Hoping to instill a love for daylilies, each child who visits Grahams' Daylilies always leaves with a free daylily.

AHS Region 10 Winter Meetings Bowling Green, KY



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES February 9, 2019

Respectfully submitted, **Doris Stonska**, Region 10 Secretary

- President Lorene Crone called the meeting to order at 4:30p.m. at the Holiday Inn University Plaza in Bowling Green, KY.
- New business, Libby Hickman has moved out of state so she will no longer be our publicity chair. Sandra Merritt moved to accept the minutes that were printed in the Daylily Appeal, David Kirchhoff - seconded and were approved as read.
- The Southwestern Indiana Daylily Society has closed their club and gave Region 10 \$3000 to insure the mailing of the Daylily Appeal. According to Regional Director Mary Ann Duncan, there are 310 members and dual memberships in Region 10.
- There were no clinics held at this time but there are options on the David Kirchhoff is retiring as the chair of the Mid-Winter Symposium so we are asking for someone to step forward to study with David on how the MWS team works and who to invite to speak. Lorene Crone is in her last year of being the Region 10 President. Director Mary Ann Duncan suggested that Lorene can personally ask someone to become the new Regional President. Mary Ann will contact members to be on the nominating committee. Lucas Holman (Yes) and Richard Porter (on Hold) were mentioned.
- Chris Massengill suggested that Region 15 Host club for regional meetings receive 25% of the auction. Sponsor club obtains auction plants. If no sponsoring organization then there will be no reimbursements as this is how one region puts their convention together.
- There are many other ways to have conventions as the Region 10 2020 Summer Meeting in Louisville, KY. Club president - Linda Luck presented a view of next summer's convention, being very different but still will have plenty of time for fun, food, daylilies and much more. The form follows the Region 2 Mecca with fewer gardens, less expense in buses (there were some gardens that could not get a bus in or out), cars will have easy access to the gardens and hotels. People will transport themselves to each garden with routing that will be given to each registrant. Registration fee suggested \$20.
- There are (6) gardens listed. With gardens 1-5 opening at 8a.m. closing at 5p.m. Garden 6 will open at 4pm. This is our Dinner pavilion with sound system. A barbeque dinner will be given followed by a Regional Business Meeting, and a live auction. Registration plant will be offered as well as pre-dug plants at some gardens.
- Raffle tickets to visit gardens are given to each and then are drawn for a prize at the dinner.
- Clinics and workshops for Exhibition and Garden Judging will make dates and time to meet in the garden. Carpooling is suggested with other Region 10 attendees, routing give to all. Further consideration is to do an on-line Facebook auction. A Grand Prize drawn from the punched cards in the gardens is considered. David Kirchhoff made an acclamation of approval for the regional.
- The 2019 Summer Meeting will be presented by the Tri-Cities Daylily Society in Kingsport TN. June 28,29th 2019.
- Next Region 10 Summer Meetings are: 2021 BGHS, Lexington, KY., 2022 MTDS, Hendersonville, TN., 2023 DSL, Louisville, KY, and 2024 MADS, Memphis, TN. David Kirchhoff was widely thanked and praised for his hard work over these past years of running the Mid-Winter Symposium. Lorene Crone was also thanked for her years of leadership of Region 10.
- Meeting adjourned 5:32p.m.
- **Board Meeting not yet scheduled.**

Region 10 Summer Meeting 2020 News

“A Meeting With An Unusual Form” Louisville Area Daylily Society

As is the case with many daylily groups around Region 10, and no doubt the country, LADS' membership is experiencing aging issues, member personal challenges and some “hosting fatigue” (lingering from the 2016 National Convention.) We are scheduled to host the 2020 Region 10 Regional Convention and have decided to have a non-traditional Convention with some creative twists. Although our theme is still in flux, it will involve Daylilies, Barbecue and Bourbon. Attendees will register in advance with a fairly minimal registration fee, roughly \$25.00. LADS will provide names and addresses for several hotels in the areas of the gardens, but there will not be a central convention hotel. (Many people have hotel priority memberships so can take advantage of their favorites.) We will not have a bus to transport attendees to the gardens, but will provide maps and

addresses of the Tour Gardens so that attendees can transport themselves, and assume many people will carpool. LADS will hold a Welcome Reception Friday evening, with heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Registration information and maps will be distributed there. Attendees will be able to tour a beautiful garden and mingle with friends. Tour Gardens will open at approximately 8:00 a.m. Saturday and remain open until approximately 4:00 p.m. Attendees can visit the gardens in any order and remain at each one as long as they like. Light refreshments will be available at the gardens. Attendees will all gather Saturday evening at a specific location for a full barbecue dinner, following which we will have the Region 10 meeting and a daylily auction. Attendees will receive a Registration plant and additional plants will be pre-dug and available for sale at one of the

gardens. There will not be a formal “boutique” but there will be a few items for sale at one or more of the gardens. To help encourage attendees to visit as many gardens as possible, they will have a ticket “stamped” at each Tour Garden they visit. A drawing will be held following dinner for bourbon-related prizes, with a grand prize that will also include daylilies from Region 10 hybridizers. We recognize that this is a Regional Convention with an “Unusual Form” but we believe it will provide attendees an opportunity for a very informal relaxing good time with long-time friends and the opportunity to make new ones! With a year and a half to go before the Convention, details are still in flux so stay tuned for more information!!!

Linda Luck
Lcl4401@yahoo.com

Upcoming Meeting News / MWS 2020

Yes, I know it is early, but did you hear about all the fun everyone had at this year's Mid-Winter Symposium in Bowling Green, KY? Well, let me tell you, they all loved the hotel and its rooms, the presentations, the camaraderie and the food! On Friday night we had a Soup, Salad and Baked Potato Buffet. Saturday night we had a Taste of Kentucky Dinner Buffet. Everyone was stuffed and there was plenty of food left at the end of the dinner. And both mornings you had your choice of an omelet station or a breakfast buffet. I don't think anyone went out hungry! Our Wineception had so much food items and wines brought in that we had to get a second table to hold it all. Then we had the speakers on a wide range of topics to help the daylily

person enjoy listening and seeing all the pictures that were presented. There were intros and future daylilies shown to whet anyone's appetite. It was a great time to break the doldrums of the winter blues. Of course we had great auctions on both Friday and Saturday nights with Lucas Holman and Nikki Schmith being the ever entertaining auctioneers that we have come to love! We had seventy-eight attendees from twelve different states including Wisconsin! Now, guess what? On Saturday night, we asked the attendees if they would like to come back to this location for next year. It was overwhelmingly voted to return. So now all you have to do is mark your calendars for February 7-9, 2020 to come to the 2020 Mid-Winter Symposium. It will be

at the University Plaza Holiday Inn Hotel, 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, KY. We have had several people already tell us that they plan to attend, so watch out and get your reservations early for the hotel and registrations to me, as the Registrar again for 2020, as soon as you get a copy of the Schedule and Registration forms. We anticipate a larger and very lively crowd next year. SOOOOO, Come One, Come All and have a Ball! We hope to have the information in the Summer Daylily Appeal and maybe at the Summer Meeting in Kingsport, TN. See you there! Have I whetted your appetite??

Chris Schardein
2020 MWS Registrar

2019 AHS Region 10 Display Gardens

There are 21 AHS Display Gardens in Kentucky and Tennessee.

Note that many Display Gardens are at private homes. Please call ahead to arrange a convenient time for visiting.

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Germantown, TN 38138
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AT MEMPHIS

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In Memory of Pearl Hodges



Winning photographs in the Region 10 MWS Photography Contest. The top two pictures were Judges' Favorite and People's Choice in the Most Artistic Category: Debbie Monbeck and middle picture, Best Landscape Image: Debbie Monbeck. The bottom picture was the Judge's Favorite of Best Registered Flower Image: Teresa Barrow, H. 'Chief Four Fingers' (Roberts, N., 2002). The People's Choice Award for Best Registered Flower Image is pictured on the front cover: H. 'Pig Latin' (Reed, 2016) by Cassie Graham.



REGION 10 CLUB REPORTS

Middle Tennessee Daylily Society

by **Kate Patrick, Nashville, TN**

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

After a successful Show and Sale at the Wilson County Agricultural Center, our members continued to celebrate daylily season by gathering at the home of Duane McGray to tour the garden and enjoy a lovely breakfast. We have some fabulous cooks in the club and they really applied themselves to the meal. We always know how to put on a good spread. Duane's garden was a wonderful example of "good bones" with boxwood hedging, a gazebo and a gracious, shady patio where we relaxed. The daylilies were in full bloom and were complimented by an amazing display of calla lilies. We admired them so much we almost formed the Calla Lily Society on the spot! We had our usual potting party at the home of Jack Alexander and Bud Coltharp in September. Our members were very proactive about digging and dividing daylilies from their gardens. We ended up with about 800 pots which are wintering over in a hoop house and will hopefully produce some foliage by the time of the sale in March. We sell these plants at the Nashville Lawn and Garden Show and it comprises our main fundraiser. Former AHS President, Julie Covington presented a great review of the small and mini daylilies at the August meeting. We took copious notes and resolved to start a bed for minis in our own garden. After all, they don't take up so much room so it's okay to add them, right? Tim Bell visited our club in October and gave

us a look at what must be one of the most beautiful and organized gardens in the country. He has some lovely introductions and has created an iconic daylily garden in southern Georgia. He is also a fun speaker. You might call him the Jeff Foxworthy of the daylily world. The auction was unique too in that he offered multiple fans of each plant so more than one person could win on a bid. Our Christmas Party was held at the Connell United Methodist Church in Goodlettsville. Once again we enjoyed the warmth of their hospitality and festiveness of their

church hall. We are grateful to them for making this venue available to us over the years. Everyone enjoyed the food (of course!) and had fun playing Dirty Daylily (our version of Dirty Santa!). We started 2019 off with Jay Turman's 29th presentation of Hybridizers' 2019 intros and futures. We had over 300 wonderful images to look at and drool over. Truly, there is some good work going on among our modern hybridizers. We saw patterns and shapes that were not imaginable a decade ago. It's incredible to reflect on the diverse genetics of our favorite flower.



MTDS – New 2019 club officers at Christmas Party – Top Row – L-R, Jack Alexander, Sharon Cuffe, Greg Crane, Jay Turman; Bottom Row – L-R, Nicole Bull, Cassie Graham, Jennifer Weedman

REGION 10 CLUB REPORTS

Daylily Society of Louisville

by **Bill Gdaniec**

PRESIDENT: **Don Wolff**
1ST VICE PRESIDENT: **Ron Byerley**
2ND VICE PRESIDENT: **Claudia Wolff**
TREASURER: **Bev Crittenden**
RECORDING SECRETARY: **Margaret Fisher**
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: **Helen Porter**

October brought more hot weather for our area, as most of you will recall. Fall was getting a very late start, as so often happens anymore. Steve Williams, owner of O'Bannon Springs Daylilies in Nashport, OH, was our guest who spoke about his hybridizing program and showed slides of his daylilies. His introduction, H. 'Adavier', won Best-in-Show at our June 23, 2018, Daylily Show and Sale. After Steve's presentation, the Club auctioned off the daylilies he donated for the event. Come spring, Steve will ship the plants to our president, Don Wolff, who will then distribute them to the auction winners. It is always great when hybridizers are willing to share their expertise and their plants at our meetings! We learn so much, and appreciate what they have to say and show us. November is always the month of our Holiday Dinner, and this past November 19th it was held again at Carrabbas Italian Grill in Louisville. This dinner is in lieu of a meeting, and DSL shows appreciation to all Club members for their diligence, attendance and hard work at meetings and functions throughout the year with this meal. We are given a private room and special menu from which to choose our food. Everyone draws a number



DSL Club Officers for 2019 –L-R –Helen Porter, Margaret Fisher, Claudia Wolff, Bev Crittenden, Roger Byerley, Don Wolff

upon arrival which is used after the meal to win special gifts chosen by Bill Gdaniec and paid for by the Club treasury. At this time, the new Board is voted on and sworn in. It is a very jolly evening enjoyed by all members and spouses/"significant others". And it is the last meeting or get together until February of the New Year, as Louisville often has had bad weather during December and January, causing meetings to be canceled. So, we just adjourn until, hopefully, the weather becomes more dependable. February 8-10, many of our members will attend the Mid-Winter Symposium to be held

in Bowling Green, Kentucky. It is the first time Kentucky has hosted this event, and the Clubs here are excited to have it in our own State. MWS has, until now, been in Tennessee, as it is the brain child of the late Lee Pickles there. It was held in Chattanooga for many years, and later in Nashville, also. At the meeting on February 18th, Club member Brenda Macy will present her slides of the 2018 National Convention held in Myrtle Beach last June. She always gives great presentations, so we look forward to hearing her this month, and seeing many slides of the fun that was had at

Daylily Society of Louisville Continued

that Convention and in those lovely tour gardens. In March, many of our Club members will take turns manning a booth at a gardening/remodeling show downtown at the Louisville Convention Center. The show's dates are March 1, 2 & 3 this year. We will talk up our favorite flower as people come along, and distribute our brochures about our Club and membership. Some who are interested in learning more about daylilies in particular and gardening in general may sign up to become new DSL members. Then, in April, our first daylily sale will be held in Bullitt County at the Bullitt County

Extension Center. People always show up, rain or shine, and buy daylilies and other plants, garden art and whatnot at this event. We have such a good time, too. May brings our daylily sale in Elizabethtown, Kentucky, where, again, people come rain or shine. At the April and May sales our Club sells a lot of daylilies, and gives out brochures about our upcoming Show in June, which, this year, is set for June 22nd. Another sale will occur during the Show, and we usually sell lots then, too. Our members are so generous to donate the plants that we sell. We feel we have a very active, healthy Club, and

we're all proud to be members. We may be getting older, but we are working to keep up our fulfilling work with daylilies, and to share what we learn with others. It seems we have never learned everything there is to know, and, whether you are a gardener or just an admirer, you will find out new facts about these plants, and tips on making them grow better. In our family, my husband, Richard, is the gardener, and I am "just an admirer", and I know how much I have learned through the 25+ years we have had the pleasure of growing daylilies.

Blue Grass Hemerocallis Society

by **Gary Bunch**

2018 was a blooming success for the Blue Grass Hemerocallis Society. We held 3 big events that our club members enjoy and come together to make successes. First was our show which ran smoothly thanks to our show chair, Debbie Smith. The public enjoyed viewing the entries, and our members enjoyed sharing information about daylilies to the public. Next was our public sale of daylilies. Our members generated the sale plants. Day of the sale they enjoyed socializing and teaching new gardeners how to plant and grow daylilies. Last was the club's "Members Only" private sale and picnic. Club members were able to purchase newer introductions from Rich Howard and Richard Norris at significantly discounted prices. Everyone goes home looking for spaces to squeeze in those extra daylilies they didn't have room for. In addition to these events members enjoyed our regular monthly presentations and activities. We are looking forward to the same or better success with our events this year. This year holds the possibility of a trip to visit gardens and a hypertufa class.

PRESIDENT: Gary Bunch
VICE PRESIDENT: Bonnie Clough
SECRETARY: Willie Graham
TREASURER: Linda Donald



BGHS - Ed Dailey & Bonnie Clough

REGION 10 CLUB REPORTS

Tennessee Valley Daylily Society

by **Karen Newman** – Delano, TN

PRESIDENT: ???
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: **Libby Hickman**
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT: **Joan Trundle**
TREASURER: **Todd Gaby**
SECRETARY/REPORTER: **George Gannaway**
YOUTH: **Joey Gaby**

The second half of 2018 began on August 11th with a luncheon meeting at the Western Sizzlin in Ooltewah, TN. Our guest speaker was Rich Howard, owner/operator of CT Daylilies.com in Wallingford, CT, which is an AHS Display Garden. Rich grows around 1700 varieties of daylilies, almost all of which are grown in pots because his ground has a lot of roots and rocks. Rich sells most of his daylilies in farmers markets and on the Lily Auction under the handle “rich”. In fact, he sells more on the Lily Auction than just about anyone else. He also sells through his website listed above. Rich collects a lot of proliferations, especially on his more expensive plants, and he uses the air layering method on proliferations. He grows both dips and tets and focuses on patterns, teeth and appliqués. He brought ten of his more recent introductions to auction which were snapped up almost immediately! Attending this meeting were Roger and Cherry Hooper, officers with the North Alabama club in Huntsville, AL. Our club meets on Saturday and their club meets on Sunday. Occasionally, we share a speaker (and expenses). The Hoopers come to our club on Saturday, pick up the speaker, and transport them to Huntsville where they speak the following day. A



TVDS Christmas Party

win-win! Shortly after the August meeting, we learned that one of our Youth members, Tucker Gaby, had won the Ophelia Taylor Horticulture Award (Division 1/ Horticulture On-Scape, Section 12, Class 1) in the Northwest Georgia Daylily Society’s 2018 exhibition show on June 28th. This award is, perhaps, the most difficult AHS award to earn in an AHS accredited show. Each cultivar Tucker entered into this section had to earn a score total of 95 points or more out of 100 from each of three judges. The Ophelia Taylor Award winners of this year will be recognized and presented the

O.T. pin at the 2019 AHS National Convention in Madison, Wisconsin. The award will be mentioned in the Region 5 newsletter and in the ADS Daylily Journal. Tucker’s name will also be added to the Ophelia Taylor Horticulture Award Recipients on the AHS Awards & Honors web pages. TVDS would like to congratulate Tucker Gaby on this most admirable achievement! Our October 8th meeting was a bit on the “skinny” side and we barely had a quorum. Typically, there are just too many things to compete with the October meeting...fall break, football games, families trying to get that final vacation



in before winter arrives. The list goes on and on. We didn't have a scheduled speaker for this meeting or any business that had to be voted on before December, so we enjoyed our meal at the Western Sizzlin and each other's company. Everything else could wait until December. By our December meeting, there was much to catch up on. We met, as is our usual custom, at the beautiful Signal Mountain home of Rick and Joy Saputa for a Christmas covered dish luncheon. After a delicious meal and the wonderful hospitality of our

hosts, we settled down to catch up on what we did not do in October. There will be many changes in 2019, including some new blood among our TVDS officers. That includes yours truly—I'm not the new blood, but the old blood stepping aside. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your TVDS Region 10 Club Reporter for the past several years. It's been an honor, but the time has come to pass the torch. I am looking forward to sitting through meetings and absorbing all

that is going on without a calendar and pen and paper handy to write down everything that will be coming down the pike. The torch is being passed to capable hands and I look forward to reading future issues of The Daylily Appeal that have nothing to do with my input. So, until the next issue goes in the mail, let's all enjoy the winter break. I wish you happiness, good health and seedling beds filled with potential Stout winners! So, as Lee Pickles always said, "Life is good". Enjoy every moment of it!

West Tennessee Daylily Society

by Carol Sims

PRESIDENT:	Lorene Crone
1ST VICE PRESIDENT:	Brian Fowler
2ND VICE PRESIDENT:	Philip Sims
SECRETARY:	Linda Browning
TREASURER:	Lorene Crone

After a hectic blooming season and successful daylily show, the West TN Daylily Society took a pause from regular scheduled meetings until the fall. During this time of recess, we were saddened to learn of the passing of fellow club member Joann Garrison, who succumbed to terminal cancer. Joann was a joy to know and loved her daylilies. We could always count on Joann, along with her husband Clyde, to step up and help with every job that needed to be done. This has included faithfully working at all club events as well as providing the refreshments for every meeting. With Joann's passing, Clyde has stepped back from club service. We will greatly miss both of them. In October, the club met for the regular meeting. Plans were made for the annual Christmas party. In December, club members met at Brook Shaw's Old Country Store for this annual get-together. Gifts were exchanged, and

a wonderful time was had by all. A brief business meeting was held, and it was decided that we will have our

annual daylily show in mid-June. We look forward to this event, and although the total number of club members has declined over the past several years due to member deaths, we will host our annual show in 2019 as usual. We are all looking forward to blooming season 2019, and the beauty it will bring.

H. 'Joann Garrison' (Sims-P.C., 2017)



WTDS Members - Christmas Party

REGION 10 CLUB REPORTS

Kentucky Daylily Fans

By Angela D. Mitchell

PRESIDENT: Kim Harrison
VICE-PRESIDENT: Lori Hubbard
SECRETARY: Lori Hubbard
TREASURER: Donna Harrison

The year 2018 was a busy year for the Kentucky Daylily Fans. The year started with an organizational meeting in January with follow-up and planning in February. The club participated in two shows/sales in April. The first show/sale was held by the Christian County Master Gardener Club in Hopkinsville, Kentucky on April 13th and 14th. Two days of sales and presentations were capped off by a visit to our booth by David Kirchhoff and Mort Morss. Pre-sales were offered on the club's website for the April 28th show

and sale. The Hopkins County Master Gardeners' Spring Fair was held at the Hopkins County Extension Office and featured more than 25 daylilies all donated by club members. June 30th was the 3rd Annual Daylily Show put on by the club. We had more than 80 entries in 10 categories with Best in Show being won by Vickie Goedde with H. 'Orange Velvet'. The club's October meeting was a co-hosted meeting with the Highland Garden Club held at the Mahr Park Arboretum. David Kirchhoff presented a great program featuring Daylily World's latest introductions and future introductions. There were several

very happy members and visitors who won auctions for plants brought by David and Mort Morss. Also in October, the club held a Facebook sale of donated daylilies to raise money for the Christian Food Bank located in Madisonville. A check was presented to the Food Bank in November by our treasurer, Donna Harrison. The club's December meeting is our annual Christmas party and ends our year on a fun and filling note. An appetizer and dessert pot luck was followed by a garden themed gift exchange. 2019 is in full swing with lots of fun activities in the works. Below are the results of our daylily show mentioned above.



KY Fans Meeting – Kim Harrison, David Kirchhoff, Angela Mitchell, Bill Cunningham at the Christian County Master Gardener Fair in April, 2018

- Extra Large:** Spanish Fandango (Vickie Goedde)
- Large:** Orange Velvet (Vickie Goedde) ***BEST IN SHOW**
- Small:** Pardon Me (Bill Cunningham)
- Miniature:** No Winner – 1 entry
- Double, Poly & Multiform:** Peggy Jeffcoat (Beri Zaparanick)
- Spider:** Ferris Wheel (Angela Mitchell)
- Unusual Form:** Tide of Tides (Laura Teague)
- Popular Vote:** Unknown Double (Carolyn Muffler)

*voted on by visitors to the show



Tri-Cities Daylily Society

By **Rebecca Hall**, Kingsport, TN

Tri-Cities Daylily Society in East Tennessee invites you to Meet Us At The Meadow June 28-29, for the Region 10 Summer Meeting and Garden Tour. Planning is almost complete. All we need is your registration if you have not already taken care of this. Events will take place in the beautiful MeadowView Marriott Conference Resort and Convention Center. The three morning tour gardens of Earl Hockin & Carol McCreary, Jo & Greg Durham, and Dennis & Rebecca Hall are all nearby. Please refer to the fall edition of the Appeal for descriptions of these gardens. After returning to MeadowView for lunch, we will board the bus heading to Blue Ridge Daylilies, garden of Bob Selman and Eric Simpson. As convention gift plants, these talented and generous hybridizers will have for you a recent introduction from each. William Marchant, owner of Druid City Daylilies, is our wonderful speaker for Friday evening. A January meeting with club officers and convention planners was

held at the home of Dennis and Rebecca Hall to plan club activities for 2019. On February 16, our first meeting was held at the Kingsport Public Library. We were thrilled to have 33 in attendance including seven first-time attendees. We were surprised and so pleased to have the

Gaby family of Chattanooga join us. Billy Wright of Poplar Grove Farms presented an informative program on perennials. Most of us carried home some of his beautiful, healthy hellebores and other perennials for winter planting. Below are other scheduled club events:

PRESIDENT: Chris Massengill
VICE-PRESIDENTS: Jean & Sharon Fleischer
TREASURER: Dennis Hall
SECRETARY: Rebecca Hall
2019 CONVENTION CHAIRPERSON: Susan Okrasinski
WEB MASTER: John Wagner

April 6: Dirty Daylily Exchange
April 27 & 28: Club Booth at Exchange Place Garden Fair
June 8: Preparation Meeting for Region 10 Convention
June 28 & 29: Region 10 Summer Convention and Garden Tour
July 6 (optional): Blue Ridge Daylily Garden Club Picnic
September 7: Auction and Picnic at Bays Mountain
October/November: To Be Announced
December 7: Christmas Meeting/Party

***We are excitedly anticipating your visit
June 28 and 29 as you "Meet us at The Meadow."***

Louisville Area Daylily Society

Report Not Available.

PRESIDENT: Linda Luck
VICE-PRESIDENT: Becky Scarborough
SECRETARY: Andrea King
TREASURER: Marie Seaman

Memphis Area Daylily Society

Report Not Available.

PRESIDENT: Pat Bevill
VICE-PRESIDENT: Janice Wood
SECRETARY: Paula Lasday
TREASURER: Mary Lange

Your Vote Counts

The Nominating Committee is placing into nomination for AHS Region 10 President the name of Bill Schardein for a two-year term to run January 2020 - December 2021.

Bill became a member of the Daylily Society of Louisville in 1989. He has served as President, 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President of the club. He has also been in charge of staging for the clubs' annual Flower Show and Sale for over 25 years. A Garden Judge since 1996, Bill has been the Region 10 Garden Judge Liaison for over a decade. He has been a member of AHS since 1996 and is a Lifetime Member.

Ballots must be postmarked or hand-delivered by May 28, 2019 or voting may be done in person at the Regional Meeting, June 28, 2019.

*Submitted by MaryAnn Duncan,
Richard Porter, and Lucas Holman*

BALLOT

AHS Region 10 Director For the term: January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021

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AHS Member 2

Bill Schardein

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Signature Member 1

Signature Member 2

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