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Winner of the Region 10 Hybridizer Best Clump Award at the 2023 AHS Convention/Summer Meeting. Photo by Lorene Crone

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## *Elizabeth Trotter*



I can't believe another daylily season has come and gone. I still have a few late bloomers to tide me over — **'Sandra Elizabeth'**, **'Lord of Autumn'**, and rebloom on **'But Wait, There's More'**, **'Thoroughbred Kitty Cat'**, and a few others.

Our combined Regional/National in Nashville, Tennessee this summer was a wonderful opportunity to see some of the most beautiful gardens in our area. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in organizing this meeting, and a special thanks to our tour gardens: Bud Coltharp and Jack Alexander, Kate Patrick, Nicole and Reagan Bull, and Duane and Sue McGray. Having your garden on tour is a labor of love, but the rewards of sharing it with fellow garden and daylily lovers make it well worth the extra effort.

Speaking of daylily meetings, be sure to put the Mid-Winter Symposium on your schedule. It will be held February 9-10 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. There is always a wonderful lineup of speakers. So far, it includes Bill Waldrop, Nikki Schmith, Scott Elliott, Charles and Heidi Douglas, Troy Marden, and Jeff and Jennifer Harvey. Look for the registration form in this issue.

It isn't too early to be thinking about next daylily season, and opportunities to get together to socialize and tour beautiful gardens. Our Regional is slated for June 28 & 29 in Louisville, Kentucky. There will be self-guided tours for the gardens of Bill and Chris Schardein, Michael Stephens, Linda Luck and Ray Clark, Don and Claudia Wolff, Bill and Betty Gdaniec, and Beverly Crittenden, plus open gardens. Registration is a bargain at only \$50!

Lastly, registration is now open for the 2024 ADS National Convention in Oklahoma City, June 12-15th, 2024. As a registration incentive, if you register by 12/31/2023 you will be entered to win 3 free nights at the Embassy Suites to be used during the convention. All attendees will receive one 2024 Topguns introduction and one 2024 Scott Elliott introduction.

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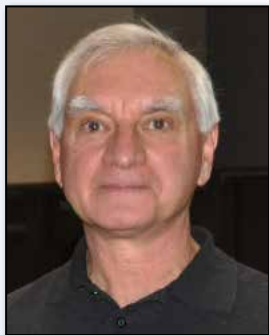
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From the  
**AHS REGIONAL  
PUBLICITY DIRECTOR**

*Dennis Hall*



I hope all of you had a great daylily season. My season started slowly, but with all the rain we had an unusual number of rebloom scapes. I attended the National Convention in Nashville this year and had a wonderful time. It was great to see so many people from other

regions of the country and to visit with fellow daylily lovers as well as visit beautiful gardens for the first time.

At the Region 10 business meeting Elizabeth Trotter was elected to a second term as Region 10 President – we certainly appreciate her service. I encourage all Region 10 members to attend the 33rd annual Mid-Winter Symposium in Bowling Green next February. Mark the date on your calendar – February 9-10, 2024. Will Coltharp has been actively working on a lineup of amazing speakers and programs. Also, mark your calendars for the Region 10 meeting in Louisville, June 28-29. For more information, there is a PowerPoint presentation on the DSL Facebook page.

The newly organized East Tennessee Daylily Club in Knoxville is doing well. Carrie Groen informed me that they have 24 members now. An information booth set up during Oakes Daylily Festival generated some new members. I encourage all clubs to work on growing their membership. Review the ADS membership list for Region 10 and look for new members who might live near your area. This list is available on the member portal. Anytime your club has a public event, provide ADS literature and a signup sheet for folks to add their name, address, and email. Volunteer to speak or do a program on daylilies for other garden clubs in your area. These are methods our club has used through the years to add new members and grow our club. I encourage you to join the AHS Region 10 (KY/TN) Facebook page for information on club activities and to also enjoy the beautiful daylily and garden pictures that members post. Get out there and do some gardening!!

**Dennis Hall**

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From the  
**AHS REGION 10  
DIRECTOR**

*Greg Crane*



As I write this it is well into the dog days of summer. We have been getting some afternoon rain showers that have cooled things off at times, but the mugginess returns quickly. Rebloom is happening here, and I am enjoying some repeats of some beautiful daylilies.

I want to thank all our Region 10 members and especially those in the Middle Tennessee Club for a job well done

at the National Convention back in June. It is hard to believe it has been two months since we had the convention. I thought things went very well despite some minor incidents. The reports of income are still out, but I feel that we made a good amount for the club, region, and society. Hoping to have a report on that very soon.

A huge thanks to all of you who helped and a super duper thanks to Nicole Bull, Jack Alexander, Kate Patrick, and Blaine Chickering. You are to be highly commended.

I will be attending the Fall Board meeting in October in Oklahoma City and will be checking out the hotel and area where our next National Convention will be held. I hope many of you are already making plans to join us next summer for the convention in Oklahoma.

Let me encourage each of you to be reaching out to people in your states and communities and asking gardeners to join you in coming to one of the club meetings. Let's each make a conscious effort in growing our local clubs. Being in an area that does not have a local club makes it lonely for fellowship with club people.

Finally, let me share a few words about my very good friend, the late Ken Louallen. Many of you know that when Ken built my outdoor room in my garden, he fell in love with daylilies. Ken only had one good eye and to see and enjoy the beauty of the flowers was a true gift God gave him. From an early beginning of a few cultivars to over 2,000, he truly enjoyed growing and hybridizing daylilies. He was a gentle giant who quickly learned the art of hybridizing and registered several beautiful daylilies. Ken loved his beautiful wife, Vicki, his family, and his farm. I will truly miss my dear, dear friend but know I will see him again someday. Thank you to all who have expressed condolences to not only me but to Vicki as well. Please continue to pray for her as I know she sure appreciates your thoughts.

Thanks again for letting me continue to serve you as your Region 10 Director. I look forward to seeing you sometime in the near future.

**Greg Crane**

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*From the*  
**EXHIBITION JUDGES  
LIAISON REPORT**

*Lorene Crone*



**T**he national convention hosted by Region 10's Middle Tennessee Daylily Society was a success! As exhibition clinic chairperson, I am very glad to say that even with a couple of hiccups, the clinics went on without much of a hitch. Many thanks to the instructors and judges from across the

country that came in early to set up and perform their teaching duties. Also, a big thank you to Sandra and Cullen Merritt for the multiple trips to the hotel to provide containers and scapes for the clinics. Thank you to Debbie Smith, national education chairperson, for her assistance with clinic approvals and grading papers/ tests while attending the convention. Most people do not know what goes on behind the scenes to get a clinic set up for a region meeting let alone a national. Clinic I had two students and two people to audit. Clinic II had five students and clinic III had twelve students. Several judges performed multiple duties by serving on the master panel and then instructing the clinic. We had some judges step in last minute for some that could not attend the convention. I appreciate you all very much!

Now we will attempt to get our gardens ready for fall and winter and purchase last minute cultivars. At least that is my plan. The summer heat has made this a slower process than usual. For now, I will update my calendar for the next meeting season by adding our first Region 10 Meeting 2024.

MWS will be held in Bowling Green, KY on February 9-10. Clinics I & III will be offered with a request for preregistration. This is especially important as we do not want to impose on anyone to come early to instruct a class and have no attendees. The Summer Region 10 meeting will be held June 28-29 in Louisville, KY. I understand this meeting will be a little different in format so stay tuned for details.

The national convention will be in Oklahoma City June 12-15. In the meantime, hope to see you at a meeting and in a garden soon. Happy gardening!

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*From the*  
**AHS GARDEN  
JUDGES LIAISON**

*Janice Wood*



**E**ditor's note: Janice reports that she has no new news for this issue of the Fall/Winter Daylily Appeal but should anyone have any questions regarding Garden Judges for Region 10, please feel free to contact her at the below address.

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*H. 'A Purple Moment' (Maris, 2022)*

# IN MEMORY By Sandra Merritt

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## JAY TURMAN 1930 – 2022

*Jay Turman was a founding member of MTDS, previous president and AHS director of Region 10 and integral part of the Mid-Winter Symposium, known for his yearly presentation, "Intros & Futures"*

It was so long ago that my husband Cullen and I can't remember the exact year that we decided to attend our first meeting of the Middle Tennessee Daylily Society. What we do remember is that the people we met that evening have been very important to us ever since. Among them was a couple who turned out to be the best friends we've ever had in our life together.

Jay Turman and his wife Peggy brought MTDS into being in their living room over thirty years ago (1989) after they became friends with Virginia Peck, an American Hemerocallis Society stalwart, whom they had met on one of their many trips to Europe. Jay loved to talk about how welcoming she was to them, inviting Peggy and him to visit her home and garden many times, and gifting them with their first annual membership in AHS. The rest, as they say, is history – our history as the Middle Tennessee Daylily Society.

Most of us were lucky enough to visit the Turmans' garden on Ruland Place in Nashville where the entire front yard was landscaped with daylilies and hostas and other companion plants. Most of us also have cultivars in our own gardens that were dug up and shared by Jay and Peggy.

Jumping ahead for a minute, when the Turmans gave up their sixty-plus-year home there, to move to a retirement community, club members and other friends were invited to come over a span of many weeks to dig daylilies and other plants. Pieces of the famous Turman garden got new homes all over Middle Tennessee and Kentucky. And it wasn't just plants. Transplants included garden tools and supplies and even the flagstones from the lovely winding walkways that we all had trod for years.

Jay and Peggy were always in demand to serve as Exhibition Judges for daylily shows all over Region 10 as well as in other southern states. Cullen and I accompanied them a few times, trekking to gardens in the vicinity of wherever the current show was being held. We met so many famous hybridizers who were buddies of the Turmans, and some infamous ones also, including one of their favorites, Dr. Bob Carr.

We thought we had truly arrived when we accompanied them to Sanford, Florida to meet David Kirchoff and Mort Morss in their fabulous garden, *Daylily World*. As everyone in MTDS knows, Jay had a big personality. He and Peggy loved to entertain around their beautifully decorated dining room table, always laden with pretty dishes and meals they created together. Jay's professional life as an Interior Designer brought him fame all over Nashville and beyond. His desire for perfection in all things is legendary. I admit that I was not very patient when Jay insisted on measuring new spaces for our own shows down to the inch in all directions, from this corner to that doorway, and on and

on! All of our members may not know that Peggy sewed "miles" of that particular green fabric into the tablecloths we use at our shows. We drove them to Springfield years ago when more cloths were needed and Jay found the matching color green in a fabric store there! In addition to our life with the Turmans in MTDS, they did become the closest of personal friends. We met for supper a couple of nights a week for years, playing many card games including our favorite *Hand and Foot*. Jay loved ethnic foods. He found so many hole-in-the-wall restaurants where he introduced us to all kinds of interesting cuisines. He proudly claimed that he had never encountered anything that he wouldn't try to eat at least once! Jay and Peggy, who still lives near their daughter here in Nashville, could almost have been my parents age-wise. I have learned so much from them about beauty, food (and cooking it!), and what it means to be true friends. They were a great gift to Cullen and me as a couple and we miss that part of our life together. The loss of Jay from the life of the Middle Tennessee Daylily Society will also be felt for years to come.



*Jay and Peggy Turman*

# National Awards

Two National AHS Awards were presented at the recent AHS Convention held in Nashville, Tennessee in June, 2023. They are as follows:

Region 10 AHS National Service Award – Congratulations to **Lorene Crone**, winner of the AHS National Region 10 Service Award. Lorene was an important member of the now disbanded West Tennessee Daylily Society and held offices including club president, treasurer, and flower show chair. She has also served as Region 10 Secretary and President for two terms, 2016-2019, as well as serving as Region 10 Exhibition Judge Liaison. Lorene is currently active in two clubs, the Memphis Area Daylily Society and the Middle Tennessee Daylily Society and has recently accepted a second term as Region 10 Exhibition Judge Liaison.

National Newsletter Award for “Best Historical Article Appearing in a Regional Newsletter” – “In the Beginning – George Yeld” by **Will Coltharp**.



Lorene Crone accepting her AHS Service Award from Scott Elliott, AHS President

## AHS Region 10 Treasurer’s Report JANUARY 1, 2023 – MAY 31, 2023

Submitted by: **Vicki Louallen**, Acting Region 10 Treasurer

Opening Balance . . . . .	\$	22,897.88
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Jan MWS ‘23 reg . . . . .	\$	4,436.00
Feb MWS ‘23 sales . . . . .		4,433.93
Greg Crane scholarship . . . . .		100.00
<b>Total Income</b> . . . . .	<b>\$</b>	<b>31,867.81</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Jan Robin Enterprises Spring Newsletter . . . . .	\$	1,598.07
Feb MWS’ 23 reimbursements & trvl exp . . . . .		2,168.71
Mar MWS ‘23 shipping fees, final Htl bill & trvl exp. . . . .		7,441.26
Apr MWS ‘23 shipping fees & reg refund. . . . .		310.00
May Holiday Inn Dep MWS ‘24 . . . . .		775.00
Will Coltharp Daylily Appeal Layout . . . . .		750.00
<b>Total Expenses</b> . . . . .		<b>13,043.04</b>
Income - Expenses = . . . . .		18,824.77
Ending Balance 5/31/23 . . . . .		18,824.77



H. ‘With the Help of Friends’ (Bull, 2023)  
Photo by Susanne Thompson





# *Daylilies* Bourbon AND FAST HORSES!

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**June 28-29, 2024**

**2024 Region 10 Summer Meeting & Garden Tours**  
Hosted by **The Daylily Society of Louisville**

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The Daylily Society of Louisville is excited to be hosting the Region 10 Summer Meeting and Garden Tour this coming summer in Louisville, June 28-29, 2024. There will be a somewhat different format from previous summer meetings but one that we believe everyone will enjoy. Details are on the registration form, but the big news is that the event will not be held at a hotel but in member's gardens and the Saturday night banquet dinner will be held at a local community center. All scheduled Friday activities will take place at the garden and home of Bill and Chris Schardein. For the Saturday garden tours everyone will be on their own to tour all or as many of the gardens as you want in any order that you desire. There will be six gardens on the tour schedule during the day and the evening will end with a Social Hour and Banquet at the Fern Creek Community Center. There will be additional open gardens during the weekend, and these will be announced. Details and the registration form will also be on the DSL website at: [dsl.plantfans.com](http://dsl.plantfans.com).

*(Friday activities will take place at Creekside Gardens. It will not be part of the Saturday garden tours but visitors are welcome on Saturday also)*



FRIDAY GARDEN, JUNE 28, 2024

## Creekside Gardens Bill & Chris Schardein

In 1989, Bill and I ran across a flower show in progress at a local mall. Bill was amazed at the number of flowers and variety of colors. After talking with some of the members, he was told of their next meeting date. He attended, won "Strutter's Ball" in the door prize drawing and that was that! He was hooked! We quickly outgrew space for more daylily beds in our small subdivision lot, so Bill went out to find a new place with acreage. We moved into our present home, with almost two and a half acres in October of 1996. Today we have over 800 cultivars (*after thinning some back in the past two years*) in about twenty separate settings scattered in the front, sides, and back yard.

Since becoming an AHS National Display Garden in 2000, we have collected doubles, spiders, unusual forms, and many differing types of cultivars to pique your interest as you wander through the garden beds. We have a creek meandering through the front yard with various hosta, iris, ferns, bushes, annuals, perennials, and a new crepe myrtle I just added last year. Terraced walls are filled with more daylilies, cleome, purple basil, liriope and touch-me-nots that continue showing their color long after the daylily blooms fade away at the end of the season. In the back of the house, we have a 4000-gallon Koi Pond with lotus plants and pond lilies that give shade to the fifty or so koi who will greet you with open mouths wanting you to feed them! You will find more tree shade as you walk over the newest bed of hosta plants with pathways leading to more gardens in the back. Continue to look around and you will be sure to find whimsical faces on trees, bird houses and other yard art that dresses up our beds! With all of this, we hope you will enjoy your stroll around our little piece of heaven!

*(Friday activities will take place at Creekside Gardens. It will not be part of the Saturday garden tours but visitors are welcome on Saturday also)*



Left: Koi Pond

Below: Bill & Chris Schardein



Creekside Gardens - Bill & Chris Schardein



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## Cedar Creek Garden Michael Stephens

Michael moved into his newly built residential home in 2002, so of course it had only the sparse builder-provided plants. Although he added a few things on his own, he soon enlisted the help of a landscape designer to help with bed and plant placement. Not long after that he attended a daylily show at a local mall and purchased a few. Soon after the show he saw information in the paper about a daylily club's meetings, so began to attend and collect more and more plants. As with many daylily addicts, his beds began to grow, and his grass receded. Although the number changes as he deletes and adds to his daylily collection, he keeps roughly 300 cultivars all the time. Somewhere along the line, he became enamored with orange blossoms, and they stole the show in his gardens. Although he has other colors as well, they need to coordinate comfortably with orange, or they don't last long!



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## Lucky-Y-Ray Daylily Gardens Linda Luck and Ray Clark

Linda already had the first symptoms of Daylily Fever when she and Ray married in 2007, but Ray soon caught it as well. A few years later, while buying daylilies from a local grower and club member, they learned about the Louisville Area Daylily Society and immediately joined. Their small-ish residential yard held beds with about 300 daylilies, but in 2014 they decided they had taken out about all of the grass they reasonably could, so found a home still in Louisville with 5 ½ acres of land. They moved 200 daylily plants and began to carve beds out of the lawn. They currently have over 900 cultivars spread out in 10 beds, as well as a variety of other perennials including hostas, peonies, and iris. Several pieces of garden art have been collected since they moved to this location, and it is on display throughout the beds. Linda is not ashamed to acknowledge that she is a prime example of a plant addict, but her problem isn't finding room for yet one more, it's finding the time to take care of all of them!



## Wolff's Daylilies Claudia and Don Wolff Garden

We bought our first daylily in 1993 after seeing a DSL Show at a local mall. We joined the club within a year or two and quickly got hooked on daylilies. We currently have 300-350 registered daylilies at any given time. We also have at least that many or more seedlings growing on our residential size lot. All the daylilies are planted in 11 beds in the back yard, side yards and front yard. Even though our main love is for daylilies we also love peonies, iris, hosta, calla lilies and other perennials and have them in 3 of these beds. We also have a lot of yard art scattered around in various locations.

Since Don hybridizes and has 36 introductions to date you should see many of them blooming in three different beds. One bed that we call our memorial bed has 17 introductions named for relatives and friends that have passed away. We are limited in space and seedlings can be seen around the outer edge of several beds and well as 1 large bed that holds those that are being more carefully evaluated.



## Patio Garden Beverly Crittenden

According to Michael Stephens, Bev's garden is small but mighty. Situated in a patio home setting, Bev shows what can be done in a small limited space and should be of interest to anyone thinking about "downsizing" and wondering what can be done in a patio garden. Bev not only has daylilies but also companion plants to provide additional summer color. As Michael said, "You cannot believe the blooms, it is just amazing!"



*Bev Crittenden*

## Friendly Hills Daylily Garden Betty and Bil Gdaniec

It all started in 1992 with two daylilies, unregistered seedlings, purchased from a local nursery. What did we know? Anyway, we loved them. One year later we hooked up with the Daylily Society of Louisville at their Annual Flower Show and Sale and bought three more daylilies, this time registered daylilies, and joined the club. Soon after we joined AHS and have been members ever since. At this time, our garden is primarily a display garden featuring over 600 registered daylilies and seedlings in a variety of colors, sizes, heights with early, midseason, and late bloomers covering a bloom season of early June through frost. There are species and hybridized cultivars dating from the early 1920s through 2022. Many are top award-winning selections. Hybridizing started in 1998 and we registered our first daylilies in 2015. To date, we've registered 67 daylily cultivars with the AHS. There are a variety of seedlings under observation in the far back garden with recent emphasis on lates and doubles. Betty and I look forward to your visit and hope you enjoy all the featured gardens on tour. See you in June 2024.





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## AUXILIARY OPEN GARDENS

### Steven Franklin Garden Shelbyville, KY

In my garden you'll find over 1,200 registered cultivars, including 23 of my own introductions; 400-500 seedlings under evaluation and many first year seedlings. You will observe an abundance of annuals, perennials, and tropical companion plants including a mangave and cactus collection. Also garden art, custom made mosaic stepping stones and flower pots. And new for this season a water garden with Koi.

I am looking forward to sharing my garden and passion with everyone. All garden visitors are invited to register for a drawing to win a Fall 2024 introduction!



### Eagles Wings Daylily Garden Nancy Smith



Left: Nancy Smith



# What is Artificial Intelligence?

There is a lot of talk about artificial intelligence in the news currently and how it is being used. Out of curiosity, I decided to ask Google Bard a question and let it write a brief report for me. Below is the question and the response I got from Google. Other than deleting a few blank lines I have changed none of the content. **What do you think?** – Will Coltharp, Editor, *The Daylily Appeal*

## **Is It Difficult to Become a Daylily Garden Judge?**

*Yes, it can be difficult to become a daylily garden judge. There are a few requirements that you must meet, and there is a training process that you must complete. To become a daylily garden judge, you must:*

- *Be a member of the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) for at least 12 continuous months.*
- *Complete two Garden Judges Workshops.*
- *Pass a written test on daylily culture and judging.*
- *Be evaluated by experienced garden judges during a garden visit.*

*Once you have met all of these requirements, you will be certified as an AHS Garden Judge. The Garden Judges Workshops are typically offered at Regional and National AHS meetings. The workshops cover a wide range of topics, including daylily culture, judging criteria, and garden design. The written test on daylily culture and judging is designed to assess your knowledge of the subject. The test includes questions on daylily taxonomy, morphology, culture, and judging criteria. The garden visit is an opportunity for experienced garden judges to evaluate your ability to judge daylilies in a garden setting. During the garden visit, you will be asked to judge a number of daylily cultivars and to explain your reasoning. If you are interested in becoming a daylily garden judge, I recommend that you contact your local daylily society or the AHS for more information. Here are some tips for becoming a daylily garden judge:*

- *Start by learning as much as you can about daylilies. Read books and articles about daylily culture, judging criteria, and garden design.*
- *Attend daylily shows and exhibitions. This is a great way to see a wide variety of daylilies and to learn from experienced judges.*
- *Contact your local daylily society or the AHS to find out more about the Garden Judges Workshops and the certification process.*
- *Volunteer to help with daylily shows and exhibitions. This is a great way to gain experience judging daylilies in a garden setting.*

*Becoming a daylily garden judge is a challenging but rewarding experience. It is a great way to learn more about daylilies and to share your knowledge with others.*



# 2023 AHS Convention

Hosted by Middle Tennessee Daylily Society, Nashville, Tennessee  
June, 2023



*Sally Fensterer, Linda Luck,  
Debbie Monbeck, Ray Clark,  
Michael Stephens*



*Brent Graham, Willie Graham, Debbie Monbeck,  
Linda Donald, Rich Rosen, Ann Marie Rosen*



*The Tennessee Titans bus arrives with garden visitors.*





*Teresa Shepherd with friends at the Hat Contest*



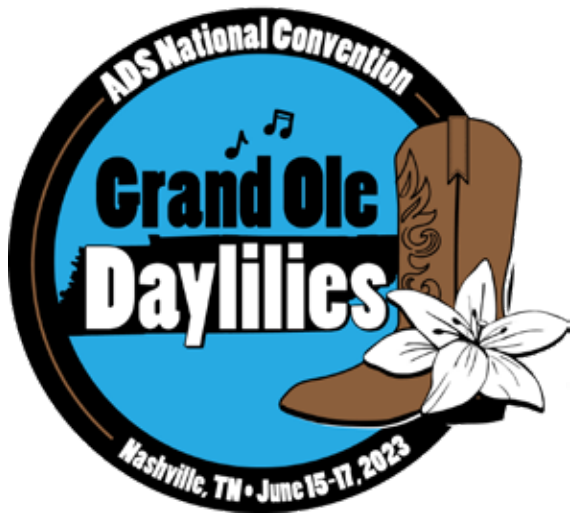
*Bill Reinke and Susan Okrasinski*



*Jack Alexander, Kathleen Nordstrom*



*Winner of the Hat Contest - Susanne Thompson*



# 2023 AHS National Meeting

Hosted by Middle Tennessee Daylily Society  
Nashville, TN • June 15-17, 2023

## Garden Reviews

### Bluebird Springs Garden

Nicole and Reagan Bull, Shelbyville, TN

Article and photos by: Elizabeth Trotter.

On a beautiful summer's day, we visited Bluebird Springs, the garden of Nicole and Reagan Bull. They grow over 1,000 daylily cultivars on 32 acres, along with various perennials and shrubs.

In addition to daylilies, they emphasize native plants for wildlife and pollinators. Naturalized areas, including a small pond and a pollinator meadow, add to the charming rural location.

Nicole and Reagan also have a farm store with nursery plants, cut flowers, and homemade jams. Their orchard consists of over 20 fruit trees, blackberries, raspberries, blueberries, and grape vines.

A budding hybridizer, Nicole has registered two cultivars so far. H. 'Marie's Gift' (Bull, 2017) was named in honor of Reagan's grandmother, who hybridized it. Just days before our visit, Nicole registered H. 'With the Help of Friends', a beautiful pink, extra-large unusual form.



Above: Nicole and Reagan Bull  
Left: H. 'With the Help of Friends' (Bull, 2023)





# McGray Garden

Duane and Sue McGray

By: Linda Luck. Photos by: Linda Luck, Susan Okrasinski.

What a joy it was to visit the McGray garden! It is in a lovely residential setting and the backyard garden area comes as a complete surprise as you travel around the side of the house. There are a variety of trees, including a large Japanese maple, along the side of the top of the back yard, providing both some shade as well as botanical variety to the patio area. A strip of daylilies leads the way to the entrance of the back gardens and continues up the path inside. There is an inviting gazebo, complete with chairs and a settee just as you enter the back garden, which is surrounded by daylilies. A brick pathway moves through a boxwood hedge, leading to a beautiful brick patio. In the center is a Grecian fountain which has a variety of plants around it. The spectacular eye-catching calla lilies brought gasps from the Convention visitors who saw them just as I did. The burnt orange and yellow callas were tall and stately and looked like they ruled the ancient Greek woman of the fountain. The edges of the brick patio also include a pergola and a lovely babbling brook, providing the calming sound of a mountain stream. The backyard garden also included a variety of whimsical as well as artistic garden art, such an interesting addition to any garden. As you head away from the house to the back of the garden, more daylilies are planted along the side as well as in the back area of the enclosed garden. Several people were admiring a particularly bright orange red double daylily, which upon review was found to be H. 'Libby Gallion' (Hensley-D., 2010). Not surprisingly, this proved to be the Georgia Doubles Appreciation Award winner at the Convention!

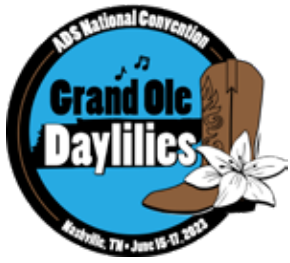
Just outside the fence enclosing the formal garden, a variety of vegetables were planted, along with some iris. Such an incredible use of space! As I was ready to leave this special place, I wandered to the front of the house to look at the daylilies planted in the flower bed along the walkway. A surprising and beautiful highlight to the second story window above the front doorway is a very large stained glass hanging. The art piece portrays three large iris, and it provided a fabulous end to a very special garden tour.



Above: Teresa Shepard, TCDS, in McGray Garden

Below: H. 'Grey Witch' (Reed, 1999) in McGray Garden





# Garden Reviews

Kate Patrick & Lorene Crone

## Eden's Edge Garden

Kate Patrick

Article and photos by: Lorene Crone.

Would you ever expect to find such a peaceful place located just off a multi-lane highway in a bustling town just outside of Nashville? Yet there it is!

Laid out over a 4-acre retired farm is Eden's Edge. Kate and her husband have skillfully created berms of companion plants leading up a winding driveway to their home. She says it's not a daylily garden but a garden that includes daylilies. There are poppies, grasses, irises, blackberry iris and daylilies, lots of daylilies. She also included trees and shrubs for ecological diversity and to encourage wildlife.

They have seen wild turkey, deer and rabbits but don't discourage them but rely on natural predators for control. What a welcoming, peaceful way for not only animals but also humans to co-exist.



*H. 'Karen's Curls' (Reinke, 1997) in Eden's Garden*



# Leipers Creek Garden

Jack Alexander and Will Coltharp

By: Susan Okrasiski. Photos by: Will Coltharp, Becky Matthews Fox

You know that euphoric feeling you had when you watched “The Wizard of Oz” for the first time and Dorothy Gale steps from a drab black and white world into one of glorious Technicolor? That is exactly how visitors to Will Coltharp and Jack Alexander’s Leipers Creek Gardens feel when they walk through the wrought iron and blue bottled arched entry to their garden. Welcome to heaven!

A gravel pathway lined with beds on both sides filled with fascinating and robust plants starts our journey. I was especially stunned by a large Annabelle hydrangea that was loaded with large welcoming globes of white blooms. As we wandered down the golden gravel footpath there were many other specimen trees and shrubs to ogle. We then flocked to see the first piece of garden art which was a large millstone displayed upright on a dais. This pathway ended with a view of the pasture and their gentle retired Amish work horses, Billy and Bobby, checking us out wondering if we came with apples for them.

At this point you find yourself at a crossroads which means you must make a choice of direction as glowing green tributaries of grass promise more visual treats. What a delight to come across a small pond surrounded by bog and carnivorous plants. In the middle of the pond is a wonderful trickle fountain made with yet another antique millstone on a stand. Rounding a bend, I was stunned by a majestic tree holding court in the center of the main intersection of the garden paths. Will told me that it is a ‘Slender Silhouette’ Sweet Gum. It was perfectly situated and reminded me of a huge totem pole directing traffic!

I would like to take a moment to comment on the design of this garden. As you are walking along you start to feel like you are moving from room to room in a house. This is because the garden is full of somewhat enclosed areas, often with a central focal point. Frequently the first thing you focus on may be a chiseled stone piece surrounded by equally striking and unusual plants. Stone pieces are used so well in this garden and reflect the organic and natural feel of the whole. I especially loved the rectangular cement planters filled with miniature hostas nestled in the shade of a large tree and sharing space with many larger hostas and fern (*not to mention a positively adorable birdbath roughly hewn from stone*).

I would also like to point out here that Will and Jack have a wonderful collection of unusual and strikingly hued redbud trees, particularly Redbud ‘Carolina Sweetheart’ and ‘Flamethrower’. These immediately were added to my want list. As the path continued, I noticed a wonderful clump of H. ‘Mean Green’ (Davisson, 2008) which won two convention awards that evening – the President’s Cup for the best clump and the Ned Roberts Best Spider/Unusual Form. There were many other stunning daylilies showing off that day waiting to be discovered such as the elegant H. ‘Brenda Macy’ (Kirchhoff, 2020). Among the themed areas are collections of historical daylilies, as well as those of Bill and Joyce Reinke, Cullen Merritt, Pat Cochenour and a bed for guest plants. H. ‘Lee Reinke’ was showing off in the Reinke bed along with H. ‘Teenie Girl’. In the guest bed H. ‘Bedbug’ from Steve Williams of O’Bannon Springs Daylilies was a charmer along with his H. ‘Adavier’. Bill Schardien’s H. ‘Lucky LADS’ looked great along with the striking H. ‘Clown Parade’ from Bob Selman. In the Cochenour bed H. ‘Moby Grape’, a joint introduction with Janice Kennedy was on display. In the bed of Cullen Merritt’s introductions H. ‘Grothnar’ was striking.

As I heard the whistle for boarding, I realized there were quite a few areas I missed. One hour is not enough time for this superb garden. I did manage to make a quick visit on the way to the bus to see the very friendly mini donkey Greenbean and his parents who were clustered by the fence of their pasture. They had a crowd of fans giving them lots of pets and head scratches. A heartfelt thank you to Will and Jack for opening their garden for us to enjoy.



Above: H. ‘Buttered Popcorn’ (Benzinger, 1971)  
Below: H. ‘Rose Thurman’ (Coltharp, 2018)



# Regional Awards and Honors

By Richard Porter, Region 10 Awards & Honors Chair

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**Editor's Note:** *There are TWO service awards available in Region 10 as described below. The specific criteria for the Lee Pickles Service Award is currently being reviewed by the Regional Awards and Honors Committee with clarification coming soon.*

**Region 10 Lee Pickles Service Award** was started in 1996 by Region 10 and is awarded to any AHS Region 10 member for distinguished and notable services rendered at the club and regional level. Eligible are those in Region 10 clubs who have devoted their time and energy to promoting daylilies as well as participating in numerous club and regional activities. Nominations should be typed and provide a summary of the activities and services which benefit the Club and/or Region and the individual/couples worthiness for this award. All nominations should be received no later than May 15 for the previous year in order that the award may be awarded at the Summer Regional Meeting. Nominations should be submitted to the current chair of the Region 10 Awards Committee, Richard Porter, at [porterdaylily@yahoo.com](mailto:porterdaylily@yahoo.com). Awards are selected by a vote of the Region 10 club presidents. Only one AHS Regional Service Award may be awarded per region per year. A dual award for two members of the same family counts as one award. Winners of this award are automatically forwarded to AHS for consideration for the National AHS Regional Service Award.

**National AHS Regional Service Award.** As outlined on the AHS website, in 1974, the AHS Board established this award for outstanding service to AHS at the regional level. Currently serving board members are not eligible. However, Serving Regional Presidents are now eligible to be nominated for these awards. Also, a person must either be living or must have been deceased for a period of 24 months at the time of nomination for the Regional Service Award. Only one AHS Regional Service Award may be awarded per region per year. A dual award for two members of the same family counts as one award. An AHS member will only be eligible to win a Regional Service Award once. Nominations may come from any member of the nominee's region. **These nominations must be sent to the AHS Awards & Honors Chairman by September 1st by email ([awards@daylilies.org](mailto:awards@daylilies.org)) and must contain a summary of the nominee's worthiness for this award.** The AHS Board votes by secret ballot at the annual fall board meeting, and the award is presented at the following AHS National Convention.

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**Editor's Note:** *The Lee Pickles Service Award was started in 1996 by Region Ten to recognize distinguished and notable service rendered at the Club and Regional level. It is separate from the AHS Service Award given at the National Awards Ceremony at the national convention each year.*

**AHS Service Award.** A nomination was submitted for the AHS Service Award for Lorene Crone, a past president of Region 10 and current Exhibition Liaison for Region 10. The nomination was considered favorably by the AHS National Board of Directors and she was awarded the national service Award for Region 10 at the national convention held in Nashville, TN this past June, 2023. Congratulations again to Lorene Crone!

**The Virginia Peck Hybridizer Award.** This Region 10 award was established about the same time in 1996 by our Region to recognize hybridizer efforts in Kentucky and Tennessee. There were no nominations during 2023. The deadline we want is May 15th each year.





# 2023 Flower Show Results

Two Region 10 clubs held a flower show during 2023.

Below are the show results. An asterisk appears before the entry that won "Best-in-Show".

Willie Graham shows off her "Best-in-Show" Award at the BGHS show for H. 'Lil' Black Buds' (Photo courtesy of Debbie Monbeck)



BGHS Show (Photo courtesy of Debbie Monbeck)

## BLUEGRASS DAYLILY SOCIETY

June 23, 2023 - Lexington, KY

### Best Extra Large

H. 'Highland Pinched Fingers'  
(Toll, 1991)

Exhibited by Linda Donald

### Best Large

H. 'Mary Freear'  
(Donald, 2009)

Exhibited by Linda Donald

### \*Best Small & Best in Show

H. 'Lil' Black Buds'  
(Begnaud, 2009)

Exhibited by Willie Graham

### Best Miniature

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

Exhibited by Linda Donald

### Best Double, Multiform & Polymerous

H. 'Autumn in Bourbon Country'  
(Wolff-D., 2014)

Exhibited by Dave Bowman

### Best Spider

H. 'Twiggy'  
(Dickerson, 1990)

Exhibited by Linda Donald

### Best Unusual Form

H. 'Velvet Handcuffs'  
(Rice-JA, 2009)

Exhibited by Linda Donald

### Youth

No Entries

### Best Seedling

Exhibited by David Kirchhoff

### Sweepstakes Rosette

Linda Donald

Total Number of Show Entries: 123

## TENNESSEE VALLEY DAYLILY SOCIETY

July 1, 2023 - Chattanooga, TN

### Best Extra Large

H. 'Catapult Sam'  
(Reed, 2005)

Exhibited by Tucker Gaby

### Best Large

H. 'Golden Scroll'  
(Guidry, 1983)

Exhibited by Tucker Gaby

### \*Best Small & Best in Show

H. 'Almost All Green'  
(Herrington-H., 1993)

Exhibited by Jim Mullins

### Best Miniature

H. 'Terri's Cha Cha'  
(Herrington-T., 2017)

Exhibited by Tucker Gaby

### Best Double

H. 'Ginseng Man'  
(Wolff-D., 2013)

Exhibited by Jim Mullins

### Best Spider

H. 'Journey to Oz'  
(Herrington-K., 2001)

Exhibited by Jim Mullins

### Best Unusual Form

H. 'Tahoe Snow Blizzard'  
(Gossard, 2006)

Exhibited by Jim Mullins

### Youth

H. 'Tidewater Elf'  
(Holmes-S., 2012)

Exhibited by Kendra Gaby

### Best Seedling

Exhibited by David Kirchhoff

### Sweepstakes Rosette

Jim Mullins

Total Number of Show Entries: 116

# REGION 10 Business Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2023 • ADS National Convention • Nashville, TN

Respectfully submitted by Linda Luck, Region 10 Secretary

- Elizabeth Trotter, Region 10 President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. She welcomed the members who were present and congratulated Lorene Crone as the recipient of the National AHS Regional Service Award, presented the evening before.
- Elizabeth asked Linda Luck, Secretary, to present the minutes from the Region 10 Business Meeting held during the Mid-Winter Symposium on February 11, 2023. Linda indicated that the minutes had been printed in The Spring/Summer Daylily Appeal and she had also distributed several copies at the current meeting. There were no corrections made. Elizabeth asked for the approval of the minutes as presented. Claudia Wolff made the motion and Chris Schardein seconded it. The minutes were approved.
- Elizabeth said that Chris Schardein had agreed to present the Treasurer's Report for January through May 2023 on behalf of Treasurer Vicki Louallen, who was unable to attend the meeting. Chris indicated that we had started the year with a balance of \$22,897.88 and we had total income during the period of \$8,969.93. Our total expenses during the five months were \$13,043.04. That left us with an ending balance of \$18,824.77. Lorene Crone brought up the fact that the Treasurer's Report published in The Spring/Summer Appeal showed a December 31, 2022 ending balance of \$20,887.88 and she questioned the discrepancy. Chris was unable to address that as she had not been involved in determining the numbers used in the report. Brenda Macy made a motion to table approval of the Treasurer's Report until the correct numbers could be determined and Dennis Hall seconded it. That motion was approved.
- Elizabeth then asked for the Regional Publicity Director, Dennis Hall's, report. He shared that the new Club in Knoxville had started meeting and were having nine members attending regularly. They are currently working to increase their membership.
- Janice Wood, Garden Judges Liaison, reported that 6 people had taken Workshop I, 20 had taken Workshop II and 30 had taken the Garden Judges Workshop III. Lorene Crone, Exhibition Judges Liaison, reported that 2 people had taken Exhibition Judges Clinic I for credit and 2 audited it. Six people took Clinic II and 12 completed Clinic III. There was no Regional Youth or Scientific Report.
- Richard Porter, Region 10 Awards and Honors Chair, was not in attendance, but as promised at the February Business Meeting, had met with a committee member to work on determining the differences between the Lee Pickles Service Award and the National AHS Regional Service Award. Both were described in the Spring/Summer edition of The Daylily Appeal. Will Coltharp, Newsletter Editor, was not in attendance, but had given Elizabeth a recommendation that in the future, the Spring/Summer edition of The Daylily Appeal be electronic, continuing the hard copy for the Fall/Winter edition. Since he wasn't present to articulate the details of his rationale, Elizabeth tabled that recommendation until the next Business Meeting.
- Will has asked for an increase in the stipend being paid for the Appeal. It is currently \$750 per issue and he has asked that it be raised to \$1000. It has remained at \$750 for many years. The funds are paid to the person who does the layout; Will does not receive any of it. Chris Schardein moved that as long as there are sufficient funds in the Treasury to pay for a \$1000 stipend, it will be paid. Janice Wood seconded the motion, and it was approved.
- Greg Crane, AHS Region 10 Director, said he moved his residence and now lives in Region 14. He is willing to continue being the Region 10 Director until his term ends at the end of 2024, but he is not able to attend some of the regional activities he would like due to the traveling distance, and recommends we replace him with someone actually in Region 10 when we have the opportunity.
- In his role as Endowment Chair, Greg reported that he still has some "100 Giving \$100" pins. A new category of recognized giving is called "I'm in," and is for people giving primarily in the \$10 to \$50 range. Donors receive a button-style pin adorned with a picture of Greg's first daylily introduction, "Miney Kay." Greg was also Co-Chair of the 2023 AHS National Convention put on by the Middle Tennessee Daylily Society. He indicated that the Thursday night daylily auction had raised \$23,203, and the funds from the raffle and the silent auction had not yet been included. He also reported that there were 485 attendees at the Convention.
- There was no further Old Business so Elizabeth moved on to New Business. Dennis Hall was Chair of the Nominating Committee and reported that Elizabeth Trotter was nominated for a second term as Region 10 President. There were no further nominations from anyone present at the meeting and Elizabeth was elected as President again.
- The final item presented at the meeting was an invitation to the 2024 Summer Regional Meeting being hosted by the Daylily Society of Louisville and being held June 26 and 27. Michael Stephens said that the Presentation of the Invitation can be viewed on the DSL Facebook page and on the DSL.Plantfans.com website. It will also be available with a link from the Region 10 website. Chris Schardein gave a brief overview of the plans for the Meeting. It will be informal, with participants driving their own vehicles to the gardens and staying at a hotel of their choice. There will be six daylily gardens on tour Saturday, a dessert bar Friday evening, and a catered dinner Saturday evening, followed by the business meeting and a daylily auction. The registration fee will only be \$50, and they look forward to a good turnout.
- With no further business, Claudia Wolff moved for the meeting to be adjourned and it was at 4:40 p.m.

*Note: There was no AHS Region 10 Summer Board Meeting*

AHS REGION 10 PRESENTS

# The 33rd Annual Mid-Winter Symposium

FEBRUARY 9-11, 2024 at the HOLIDAY INN UNIVERSITY PLAZA, BOWLING GREEN, KY

## Friday, February 9, 2024

- 1:30 p.m. **Registration Desk Opens**
- 1:30 p.m. **Garden Judges Workshop I**
- 1:30 p.m. **Exhibition Judges Clinic I**
- 1:30 p.m. **Exhibition Judges Refresher Clinic**
- 2:45 p.m. **Show and Tell** – All hybridizers attending are encouraged to bring a PowerPoint presentation highlighting their breeding program – Presentation: “2024 Intros and Futures”
- 4:00 p.m. **Wineception and Social Hour**  
Chris Schardein – Bring a favorite wine or finger food (if you wish)
- 5:15 p.m. **Welcome to Region 10 and the MWS**  
Elizabeth Trotter, Region 10 President
- 5:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 6:30 p.m. **Troy Marden**,  
Host of *Volunteer Gardener*
- 7:30 p.m. **Daylily Auction**

## Saturday, February 10, 2024

- 6:30 a.m. **Breakfast** (Included - Bring your voucher)
- 8:00 a.m. **From the AHS Director**  
Greg Crane, Director Region 10
- 8:15 a.m. **Invitation to Attend**  
2024 AHS Convention
- 8:30 a.m. **Scott Elliott**, Maneki Neko Gardens  
“Weed Control for Daylily Gardens”
- 9:30 a.m. **Bill Waldrop**  
Kennesaw Mountain Daylilies
- 10:30 a.m. **Break**
- 10:45 a.m. **Nikki Schmidh**, Photography, Part 2  
“Organizing & Loving Your Photos”
- 11:45 a.m. **Lunch On Your Own**
- 1:15 p.m. **Charles & Heidi Douglas**  
Brown’s Ferry Garden
- 2:15 p.m. **Nikki Schmidh**  
“All Things Small”
- 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. **Jeff & Jennifer Harvey**  
“Peonies in the Daylily Garden”
- 3:45 p.m. **Open Forum**  
“All Things Daylilies”
- 4:45 p.m. **Region 10 Business Meeting**
- 6:00 p.m. **Cash Bar**
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner**
- 7:30 p.m. **Daylily Auction**
- 9:30 p.m. **Hospitality**

## Sunday, February 11, 2024

- 6:30 a.m. **Breakfast** (Included – Bring your voucher)

## REGISTRATION FORM:

### The 33rd Annual Mid-Winter Symposium

FEBRUARY 9-11, 2024

**If you plan to take a Clinic or Workshop you must preregister.**

Bring the fee with you. \$3 to audit, \$5 for credit.

- I will take Exhibition Clinic I
- I will take the Exhibition Refresher Clinic
- I will take the Garden Judges I Workshop

Please list names as you would like them on your name tag.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of others included in fee: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEES:** Make check payable to: **AHS Region 10**

**\$120** per person (\$130 if postmarked after January 21, 2023)

**\$90** for Youth **AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN TO:** Chris Schardein, Registrar

9701 Fern Creek Road, Louisville, KY 40291 • Phone: 502-239-8963

## MEETING AND LODGING

### Holiday Inn University Plaza

1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, KY 42103

**For Reservations:** Phone: (270) 745-0088 or 1-800-Holiday

(\$130.95 (plus tax) includes (2) free breakfast vouchers at hotel restaurant. NO Parking fee

**MUST BE MADE BEFORE Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

Be sure to mention **AHS** for hotel discount

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

### Will Coltharp, Jack Alexander, Co-Chairs

5436 Leipers Creek Road, Franklin, TN 37064

Phone: 615-476-2392 • Email: wcoltharp@comcast.net

**AUCTION PLANTS:** (minimum value \$25.00) **Blaine Chickering**

(270-535-8676), [Kilrbz53@gmail.com](mailto:Kilrbz53@gmail.com), **Theresa Maris**, [zapata90@live.com](mailto:zapata90@live.com), **Mary Ann Duncan**, [madunc859@gmail.com](mailto:madunc859@gmail.com)

## DIGITAL IMAGES FUTURES / 2020 INTRODUCTIONS:

**Brenda Macy**, 109 West Poplar St., Elizabethtown, KY 42701

Email: [daylily1@windstream.net](mailto:daylily1@windstream.net). Deadline: January 20, 2023

2023 Introductions – all. Futures-Maximum 7 per person

Welcome

# East Tennessee Daylily Society

by Carrie Groen, President

It has been quite an interesting spring/summer here in Eastern Tennessee. It all started when I read Dennis Hall's article in the Fall/Winter Daylily Appeal. Dennis mentioned he thought the Knoxville, TN area would be able to support a daylily club. My husband, Randy, and I had been attending the TVDS in Chattanooga the last couple of years. Although the folks there were great, it was a 2-hour drive one way for us. So, Dennis' statement intrigued me – to say the least. I read a portion of his article to Randy. His comment was "You can do that!" Well, as they say, the rest is history.

We began by attending the MWS in Bowling Green in February. We met a lot of nice folks and received many suggestions from several of the AHS members. We held our first meeting in early March with 9 people present. Eight of those became members. We promptly set about planning a plant sale for the end of April. I'm sure there were many that thought I may be a bit delusional! But, having a history in accounting and having owned and operated a small plant nursery in Iowa, I thought why not?

We had daylilies and some of our members contributed daylilies. However, it was not enough for a plant sale. Then, along came Dennis Hall and Oakes Daylilies. That was the boost we needed to proceed with our sale. I cannot thank Dennis and Rebecca and Ken Oakes enough for contributing well over 200 plants for our sale.



## East TN Daylily Society

1st row left to right: Debra Winch, Connie Evans and Carrie Groen and Cookie  
2nd row left to right: Steve Springer, Wayne McLaurin, Sylvia McLaurin  
3rd row left to right: Lorie Lee, Sonja Cutler

We did the plant sale, toured Oakes Gardens, and received an invitation from Ken Oakes to participate in their Annual Daylily Festival in late June. What an awesome event. We had 13 members at that time and received 11 more memberships on that weekend. A huge thank you to Wayne and Sylvia McLaurin for helping on Saturday of the festival.

Then in July a couple of our members went over to tour Blue Ridge Daylilies. We took the month of August off. September is going to be our potluck meeting. Our September and October meetings will be focused on planning for the upcoming year. I want to say how proud I am of our members that pitched in for the sale and came to the meetings. You are all very much appreciated. A special thank you to Ron Thery and Barbara Pappenfus for helping with the non-profit filings.

Filing for non-profit status is not hard but there is a sequence of steps that must be followed. Filing your articles of incorporation must come first before filing for your EIN number. (*ask me how I know. lol*) You need your articles filed and your EIN number before you can get a bank account.

Some background on myself. I am a former accountant, real estate broker and nursery owner. I have met with many challenges in each of those areas. After reading Dennis' article, and with the support of my husband, I decided to take on this new challenge. We have met so many wonderful folks already on this journey and are looking forward to meeting many more. Thank you, Randy, for believing in me and coming along on this journey with me. I'm sure there are going to be many good times ahead. Until next time, keep planting those daylilies, join a club and share the love!





# Daylilies Bourbon AND FAST HORSES!

**AHS Region 10 Summer Meeting • June 28-29, 2024 • Louisville, KY**  
Hosted by **The Daylily Society of Louisville**

## REGISTRATION FORM

### Friday June 28, 2024 – Blue Grass Stockyards

All activities on Friday are at Bill & Chris Schardein's located at 9701 Fern Creek Road, Louisville, KY 40291

- 11:00 a.m. Garden Judges Workshop II (in the garden)
- 11:00 a.m. Exhibition Judges Clinic II
- 2:00 p.m. Garden Judges Workshop I
- 2:00 p.m. Exhibition Judges Clinic I
- 2:00 p.m. Schardein's Creekside Gardens Open for Touring
- 4:00 p.m. Registration Opens  
Garden Address Provided Alexander
- 6:00 p.m. Dessert Bar Reception and Welcome to Region 10 Summer Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Registration Closes  
*Anyone not able to attend the Friday event can request tour garden addresses in advance or on website.*

### Saturday June 29, 2024

- 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tour Gardens Open  
*Transportation on your own*
  - Cedar Creek Gardens of Michael Stephens
  - Luck-y-Ray Daylily Gardens of Linda Luck and Ray Clark
  - Wolff's Daylilies of Don and Claudia Wolff
  - Patio Garden of Bev Crittenden
  - Friendly Hills Daylily Garden of Bill Gdaniec
- 5 - 6 p.m. Social Hour at Fern Creen Community Center 6104 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY 40291
- 6:00 p.m. Banquet followed by the Region 10 Business Meeting and Daylily Auction

**Registrations must be received by May 31, 2024.**

**Please print names as you would like them to appear on the badge.**

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### Pre-Registration for Clinics/Workshops

Exhibition Judges: Clinic I \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic II \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic III \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Judges: Workshop I \_\_\_\_\_ Workshop II \_\_\_\_\_

There is a \$5 fee for credit and a \$3 fee for audit clinics/workshops. Fees will be payable **at the clinic/workshop only**. Must have a copy of *Judging Daylilies Handbook* (2020 edition) and study the appropriate sections. The handbook is available from AHS or Amazon.

### Registration Fees:

\$50.00 per person. Add \$10.00 per person after May 31, 2024.

Make checks payable to BGHS. Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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The Daylily Appeal will again sponsor a digital photography contest for 2024. This year a panel of 3-4 judges will select their favorite for each category followed by a vote of the Mid-Winter Symposium participants for the winners. The winning photographs, along with the runners-up, will be featured in the Spring Summer issue of The Daylily Appeal. The contest guidelines are outlined below:

## CATEGORIES

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

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

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

## RULES

- Contestants must be AHS members of Region 10.
- Previous winning photographs from other AHS photography contests are not eligible.
- Images are due to the Digital Photography Contest Coordinator by **January 5th 2024**. They may be sent by e-mail or on CD or DVD. Entries must also clearly identify the contestant's name, address, phone number and e-mail address (if available). **Entries should be sent to willcol841@aol.com**. Contact name is Will Coltharp, 5436 Leipers Creek Rd, Franklin, TN 37064
- Entries are limited to 3 images per category per person. Each entry must be clearly identified as to the category of submission.
- Images must come with permission to use and re-use by AHS Region 10 and AHS. PDF permission form can be downloaded from the AHS website.
- Garden Landscape photos must identify the featured garden by owner name and location.
- Images must be in .jpg format and have a high enough resolution to provide good print quality: Suggested megabyte size is 1-4 MB (when closed). For daylilies images, identify the name of the cultivar, hybridizer and year of registration. There is no restriction on the age of the images in any category as to when they were taken.
- Artistic shots should have a short description of the featured daylily with any object of interest, (Identifying information may be included in e-mails with attached photos or it can be included in a separate written document).
- Limited cropping or editing of digital images is permissible to remove blemishes and improve composition. No borders or texts should be used on the images.
- A panel of 3-4 judges will evaluate all entries based on clarity, accuracy of color, and composition. Of these judges, at least two must be members of AHS. Judges or their family members are not eligible to compete.



H. 'Butterscotch' (Reinke-2006) Photo by Becky Fox Matthews

Entries must be submitted by  
**January 5, 2024**

# REGION 10 CLUB REPORTS

Note: All submitted club reports should include current club officers. Otherwise, this information will be taken from the AHS Website.

## Tri-Cities Daylily Society

by Rebecca Hall

TCDS met in March at the Kingsport Public Library for the last time due to upcoming renovations. This was the perfect location for our meetings, and we are going to miss meeting there.

Local nurseryman Billy Wright presented a wonderful program on shrubs. You might recall him presenting a program at the Mid-Winter meeting in Bowling Green a few years ago.

April was a busy month beginning with a fun time at Beef O' Brady's restaurant playing Daylily Bingo. Thanks to Dennis Hall for supplying the daylilies and hostas for prizes. This was our first time doing this, and it was very much enjoyed. I'm sure this program will be repeated in the future.

The last weekend in April our club participated at the annual Exchange Place Living History Farm's Garden Fair. This was a two-day event, but we sold out by the end of the day on Saturday. We were pleased to see a lot of returning customers who had previously purchased healthy plants from us. They made a beeline to our tent when the gates opened, looking for bargain and beautiful plants. They were not disappointed. This event is our primary fundraiser to cover club expenses.

Of course, June is the busiest month for daylily gardeners. Members carpooled to attend the Oakes Annual Daylily Festival. This wonderful event near Knoxville began in 1999, but our club has not attended as it usually coincides with our club's local garden tours. In addition to admiring the beautiful gardens, we had the opportunity to stop by the display table of the newly formed East Tennessee

Daylily Society and meet some of their new members. In June of this summer the ADS National Convention was held in our region in Nashville, sponsored by the Middle Tennessee Daylily Society. Six TCDS members attended and thoroughly enjoyed the variety and beauty of the tour gardens, the good food, the fun activities, and especially the company of old and new daylily friends.

On a sad note, our daylily friend Ken Louallen of Gallatin passed away suddenly on May 14 prior to the convention. (*His Jubilee Farm Daylilies had been scheduled to be on tour*). He was a wonderful man who loved daylilies. His enthusiasm was contagious, and Dennis and I enjoyed sharing the table with him at daylily events the past few years. We and many others certainly miss him. TCDS extends our sympathy and prayers to Vicki and his family. The daylily world has lost a friend.

On July 1, we were invited to attend club day at Blue Ridge Daylilies near Asheville. Several members took advantage of this opportunity. This is an unforgettable garden filled with introductions of Bob Selman and Eric Simpson as well as other well-known hybridizers.

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On September 9, one of our most fun activities takes place. We will gather on Bays Mountain for our annual picnic and auction. Members have an opportunity to bid on daylilies and other plants, garden produce, yard art, crafts, pottery, and baked goods. Great bargains can be had. We have invited our new, neighboring club, East Tennessee Daylily Society in Knoxville, to join us. On October 7, 2023, we will have a lunch meeting at Beef O' Brady's meeting room. Our program will be presented by knowledgeable plantsperson Sylvia McLaurin of Knoxville.

Then in December we end the year with a Christmas luncheon and fun gift-exchange activity. You are welcome to join the Tri-Cities Daylily Society Facebook Public Group to keep up to date on our club activities and enjoy photos posted by members. Have a wonderful holiday season.



L-R Carrie Groen, Faye Morris, John Wagner, Chris Massengill, Dennis Hall

## Daylily Society of Louisville

by Helen Porter

At our March meeting, Curtis Carman, Director of Education and Programming gave a presentation on the Parklands of Floyds Fork. He oversees the Parklands Outdoor classroom promoting the STEM based education with hands on learning including the outdoors. His vision is to extend the Olmsted Legacy into the 21st century as a place people can still enjoy foliage and clean air second to none. He covered the history of the Parklands project, the environmental management plan as well as an overview of the Parklands amenities which included children's playground and sprayground, education buildings, pavilions for picnics, walking and biking trails just to name a few. It was an evening enjoyed by all.

Patti Byerley created a Facebook page for the club to get out information about upcoming events and the club meeting which is at a new location for this year.

In April we held our first meeting in our new facility located at the Louisville Nature Center. Brenda Macy was our featured speaker. She began her presentation with a quick story about the movie "Mule" with Clint Eastwood playing the part of Leo Sharp who was a past member of Region 2. (*H. 'Blue Mule,' from Blue Ridge Daylilies, was shown in the movie and she found it in one of the gardens we visited!*) She told of how she had sat with Mr. Sharp on a tour bus years ago. Ask her about it if you get a chance. It was a good tale! She went on to show the beautiful gardens at our Regional Summer Meeting which was held in Lexington, KY and at the national convention in Asheville, NC. She always makes it fun with pictures of the people, scenery, and other colorful garden art pieces.

We finalized all aspects of the upcoming plant sale at the Bullitt County

Extension office in Shepherdsville, KY and the May plant sale in Elizabethtown. Our speaker for May was Brigette Brouillard of Second Chances Wildlife Center located in Mt Washington, KY, on the topic of bats and their importance in our environment. She brought a bat and a skunk to the meeting! These are among "disliked" animals that Brigette's mission is to provide people the opportunity to see these amazing creatures in a different light. The organization conserves wildlife through rehabilitation and public education. They provide housing, care, and medical needs to over 300 animals in the local community to prepare them for a safe release back into the wild.

After our speaker, the club resumed the meeting to discuss the upcoming field trip to be taken on June 3rd, to the Wilson Nursery in Frankfort, KY, where we will see an amazing layout of flowers and have lunch at the café. In June, seven members of the club went to Wilson's Nursery in Frankfort, KY, to see the wide array of plants, trees, pottery, and other garden related items. We had lunch at the Sage Café and held an impromptu meeting for the "Unique Form" 2024 Summer Region 10 Meeting to be held in Louisville on June 28th and 29th, 2024. We have a dessert bar with the opening on Friday, a boutique, club plant sales, six gardens on Saturday (*and an open garden on Thursday and Sunday*), ending with a catered meal on Saturday night and an auction to benefit the Daylily Appeal printing cost.

In July we heard from Lorilee Kunze, Bullitt Co. Extension agent, on "Essential Plants for Attracting Butterflies".

Lorilee presented an excellent and knowledgeable resource on so many areas of gardening and horticulture. This was a very informative and interesting presentation. We also received a description of plants and butterflies in their various stages of growth. Some tidbits from the presentation: Never touch a butterfly's wings, they are scaly and very fragile. Just let the butterfly land on you. If you want to have butterflies, you must feed the larva with host plants. You also must be alright with them devouring the plants. Always be careful when handling a fuzzy caterpillar. Some caterpillars have spikes. If you are stuck by one, it will feel like the sting of a jellyfish! Tropical Milkweed is not recommended for us to grow, instead try native milkweed of which there are 26 varieties in KY. The Viceroy is the state butterfly for KY. It looks very similar to a monarch butterfly.

August's meeting featured Russell Stevens of "Twisted Nature Bonsai", who gave a very informative talk about landscaping in our region. He came with several bags of different types of soil amendments and discussed the different advantages of using these on several varieties of plants seen in our home's garden. He also demonstrated several types of garden tools that helped keep the plants healthy while cutting or pruning. He also gave tips for maintaining tools after using them to them more efficiently. Russell stayed after his presentation and answered more questions from the members.

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## Blue Grass Hemerocallis Society

by Dave Bowman

It is hard to believe that it is the end of yet another season. 'Shores Of Time' had its last bloom today and that officially ended my color for 2023. We here in central Kentucky were blessed with a great year of bloom and growing conditions. With that, the BGHS had a great season as well! Meeting attendance has been up, and we have had some new members join our little soiree.



John & Annette Rice presentation at BGHS

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The summer show was a success, even though Mother Nature tried her best to put a damper on it. Diligent members come hell or high water, were going to get flowers to the show and there were some great blooms!

We also were treated to an unexpected guest, Nicole DiVito came with one of our guest judges Nikki Schmith and was gracious to help clerk our show. August brought us warmer weather and our ever-popular private sale! Held at Donald's Garden, the club members were fortunate to have a plethora of great plants from Blue Ridge Daylilies, O'Bannon Daylilies and some jewels from Curt Hanson! Mike Adams and David Kirchoff were the masterminds behind this annual

gathering, and we appreciate their hard work. September, we change gears and will have Lisa Kuduk share her passion for Daffodils with the club. Lisa is a great plantsperson, so we will be better prepared to buy, plant and design with these spring favorites. John Rice will be the master of ceremonies at the October meeting. He and Annette have some great diploid intros out and we are hoping to get a look at some features that evening.

The BGHS winds down the year with the November bulb swap and then our Christmas gathering to end the year with fellow daylily enthusiasts. I am hoping the 2023 renaissance will keep going in 2024 for our club and keep Kentucky blooming.

## Kentucky Daylily Fans

by Gale Hoover

Kentucky Daylily Fans were ready to begin 2023 with our first meeting in January. Following a delicious potluck dinner, our meeting opened with a full agenda of business. For easy reference and a good reminder, we were each given a calendar marked with dates of events and meetings to remember for the entire year.

In February, several of our members attended the Mid-Winter Symposium in Bowling Green. After attending this meeting, Kim Harrison used some of the information she learned about using the AHS Website and Membership Portal as a program for one of our monthly meetings. Rhonda Veroeven, Vice President of the AHS, was our special guest at our March meeting. Her virtual presentation was on daylily awards. This very informative and interesting program closed with a surprise... a daylily auction! The daylily for auction was one that her son had hybridized and will not be introduced until 2024. I was the lucky winner! I am

glad to report that it is thriving and in June of 2024, I will be anxiously looking forward to seeing it bloom. It was an honor to have Rhonda Veroeven as our guest speaker.

In April, the Kentucky Daylily Fans participated in a daylily presale at the Lawn and Garden Fair in Hopkinsville. These orders were ready for pick up at the end of April in Madisonville at the Pennyroyal Master Gardener Spring Fair. Our daylily sales are the main revenue for our club. At our May meeting, we finalized plans for the raffle basket to



Kentucky Daylily Fans Club at the 2023 AHS National Convention

take to the National Convention. We had all agreed that the items for the basket would be representative of Kentucky.

On June 1, we met at Adrienne McGregor's home. As usual, we began with a potluck meal of summer salads and some special desserts. All raffle items were brought to this meeting and arranged in a large garden container to make ready for the 2023 ADS National Convention. Before adjourning Kim Harrison provided a schedule of events for the convention and explained for those of us who were going to a national convention for the first time, exactly what to expect. This was very helpful. Thank you, Middle Tennessee Daylily Society for a great Convention! We all enjoyed the gardens, the speakers, the delicious meals, and getting to meet so many new daylily friends.

## Louisville Area Daylily Society

By Linda Luck

LADS members enjoyed what has become a typical year of activities. Starting in May and continuing through September, we meet in member gardens and get to see not only daylilies in bloom, but peonies and iris in May, black-eyed Susans and phlox in August and mums in September. Most gardeners like to have people enjoy and appreciate their efforts, so it's a great opportunity to share the fruits of our labor. During the colder months we meet monthly at a little town hall and get our flower and plant "fix" from speakers and photos!

In May we participate in the Beechmont Festival of Flowers, where we set up a booth and sell daylilies donated by our members. We also sell donated daylilies at the Wallitsch Garden Center in early August. Wallitsch is kind enough to offer space to us, the Iris Society, the Hosta Society and

the Daffodil Society during a time when activity is otherwise fairly quiet there. The sale usually attracts a good number of plant people with that combination. The nursery also benefits from some foot traffic and sales if nothing else from those of us selling for our respective societies!

Several of us took the opportunity to attend the 2023 ADS National Convention in Nashville in June. Kudos to the Middle Tennessee Daylily Society which put on a very enjoyable and well-done event. We understand and appreciate the coordination and effort it takes to host a convention like that. Thank you to the tour garden owners as well, for all of the preparation and work they did to share what were very lovely and varied gardens! As

we were on our way to Nashville we were already making plans to drive to Oklahoma City for next year's big event.

I would be remiss if I didn't take the chance to remind and invite our Region 10 members to the 2024 Region 10 Summer Meeting being held in Louisville next June. It is being hosted by the Daylily Society of Louisville and a lot of planning has been going into making sure it will be a fun and well-done event!

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Louisville Area Daylily Society Plant Sale

## Tennessee Valley Daylily Society

by George Gannaway

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The Tennessee Valley Daylily Society met April 8th at the First-Centenary UMC in Chattanooga. The meeting was a presentation by Bill and Diana Waldrop . . . “Oh, What a Beautiful Day . . . for Daylilies!” Bill and Diana are owners of Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens. Bill and Diana gave a video presentation of some of their recent cultivars. Following the presentation, Bill brought some of his daylilies that were auctioned to the members present.

In previous years the club has held its meetings in a restaurant where lunch and space for the regular meetings and presentations could be provided. Since this situation has become harder and harder to find, the club has initiated the “sandwich picnic” idea. This has worked well for the members to bring their own sandwich and the club furnish chip, drinks and sometimes a member brings a dessert for all to share.

For the club’s June meetings, we have been meeting at the garden and nursery of Libby Hickman and we did so this June 3rd. Her husband, Bill was nice to prepare BBQ for the club and members brought the other fixings. Following lunch, members June Scoggins and Joy Saputa, active members and judges, used daylilies from Libby’s Garden to

give a presentation on grooming and tips. This is always helpful to members and especially for the newer members wishing to enter daylilies in the daylily show.

Todd Gaby provided plans and details for the daylily show that was held June 11th at the Mountain Community Arts Center on Signal Mountain. Tucker Gaby, daylily show chairman, was unable to attend this meeting. The smiling photo in the article is Barrett West, the grandson of longtime members, June and Larry Scoggins. This is his first entry in a daylily show and in the Youth Division. He is pictured with his purple ribbon for ‘Rick’s Morning Star’. This cultivar was registered by our own Rick Keith in 2012.

The club’s August meeting was a little different. Members were asked to bring a memory device with photos of daylilies and flowers taken this year in their yard. Member Ray Tessemer took a little different twist and brought some photos of a magnolia tree he has hybridized and plans to register. Future meetings for the club include a

presentation on October 14, 2023 by David Kirchoff at the First-Centenary UMC in Chattanooga and then, in December, what has become an annual event, we will have a pot-luck Christmas dinner at the home of Joy and Rick Saputa on Signal Mountain.



Barrett West at TVDS Flower Show – Youth Division

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*Left: H. 'Lee Reinke' (Reinke-J., 1998)  
Winner of the Region 10 Hybridizer  
Best Clump Award at the 2023 AHS  
Convention/Summer Meeting, Eden's  
Edge Garden. Photo by Kate Patrick*



*Right: H. 'Mean Green' (Davisson,  
2008) President's Cup Award for most  
outstanding of all clumps observed at  
AHS National Convention*



*Photo by Kate Patrick*