



THE GARDEN GATE

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LINDA'S LETTER

Thank you all for choosing me as your president for this year. I would like to begin by thanking John for all the time and effort he devoted to NTDS for the last four years. I know how much time is involved in the position since Kenneth was president a few years ago.

Now to 2017-----please share any ideas you have with me or other members of the Board for club outings, programs, garden visits, changes to the club you might like to suggest for consideration ----- anything to increase and share our addiction for the beautiful flowers called simply, "daylilies".

We need to get a budget for 2017

presented to members as soon as possible.

Just a reminder, dues for 2017 are due NOW. Please give a check or cash to Janet Howie or Nickie Knight . We need a complete list of 2017 members so Jim Bartlett can update and publish a current membership list.

Hope the weather is good, everyone is healthy and happy so we can visit with each other on Jan. 19.

Linda❖

New Years Resolution

Lets start off 2017 by paying our dues at January Meeting! Thanks

Nickie❖

JOHN'S LAST JOTTING

THANK YOU to each one who had a part in giving to me the graduation plants. I have been looking into getting these for some time. THANK YOU also for the honor of serving as the club President for the last four (4) years. Now that Linda is our president, I feel like the fellow who finally sold "his boat" (I am very Happy!).

May each of our members have a very Happy New Year.

John❖

Secretary's report

1. **Welcome** No new members or visitors were present

Officers

President

Linda Long
817 341 1297

First VP Programs

Janet Von Kohn
817 483 5146

Second VP Membership

Nickie Knight
817 551 7260

Third VP Publicity

Susan Austin
817 925 5052

Fourth VP Treasurer

Janet Howie
817 297 4564

Secretary

Rebecca Reed
682 553 7050

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2. **Secretary Minutes and Treasurer's Reports** approved as printed.

3. **Sunshine report**

- a. Mike Thompson is doing much better, Dee Dee is improving.
- b. Shirlene Holt has pneumonia.
- c. Janet Von Kohn is recovering from knee surgery.
- d. Gail Williams has a concussion.
- e. Dee Pace is recovering from a broken arm & surgery.

4. **Communications**

- a. John will be speaking on poly daylilies again.

5. **Old Business**

- a. Nominating Committee report-Linda Long, President, Janet Von Kohn, VP programs, Susan Austin, VP Publicity, Nickie Knight, VP Membership, Rebecca Reed, secretary, Janet Howie, Treasurer. Motion made & seconded to accept the whole list
- b. Election of new officers passed.
- c. John T was presented with two poly daylilies in appreciation of his service.

6. **New Business**

- a. Need a name for the daylily show
- b. Books need to be reviewed
- c. Board needs to meet.
- d. Need ideas for trips & outings.
- e. Picked up plants from lady who had plants to give away. She had written to NTDS through the Facebook page.
- f. Need opinions on whether or not we should change our meeting time since many members don't want to drive at night. Need to check with Botanic Gardens about availability. Sharon will call BG and have more discussion next month.
- g. After the gift exchange, members voted to give a gift to Cathy Koogler for her service with refreshments

7. **Refreshment report – Sharon Bartlett**

- a. Soups & crock pot food for January.

Program

Hooker Nichols will talk on his beloved Louisiana Iris as well as some new bearded. It should be enjoyable as many of us grow LA in our gardens.

Hooker Nichols and his wife Bonnie have a passion for growing iris, among other plants. He also hybridizes all varieties of iris, but in particular, Louisiana iris which grow well in our area. Hillcrest Gardens is the name of his iris garden, hillcrestiris.com is a link to see some of his lovely iris. They share the Franklin Cook Memorial Cup award in 2016 given during the national convention, a tribute to a lifelong enthusiasm for growing and improving iris.

Janet❖

Meetings

[Anyone else going to all or some of these?](#)

2017 AHS Region 6 Meeting "Seventh Heaven!"
Hosted by Austin Daylily Society, **May 25-27, 2017**, Wingate Hotel & Conference Center, **Round Rock, Texas**,
http://www.ahsregion6.org/regional_meeting.htm

2017 AHS Region 11 Summer Meeting 'Daylily Bling', The Central Oklahoma Hemerocallis Society, **June 16, 17 & 18, Oklahoma City**
http://www.ahsregion11.org/Summer_Meeting.html

2017 Annual AHS National Convention, Tidewater Daylily Society. **June 21-24, Norfolk Va**
Waterside Marriott Hotel,
<http://ahs2017convention.org/index.html>

Jim❖

Newsletter

With all the new members, I wanted to review some rules. Aren't any. **This is your newsletter.** I will include anything you send on space available basis (e.g. it may not get into next issue but it will make in in).

Remember, we have a (intermittent) column on 'I Want IT / I Got IT' for those looking for some plant or having too much of a good thing.

If you have a general gardening question, sent it – someone in club will probably have an answer.

Recipes? Sent um. Those are usually due to demand after one of our dinners.

Jim❖

Daylily breeder gains respect for beautiful creations

<http://tinyurl.com/h3mn98l>

Ed Zahler is a determined man who ignores naysayers and pursues his own destiny.

Zahler breeds daylilies, diploid daylilies.

When the whole daylily world seemed to be increasingly breeding tetraploids because of their intense ruffling, metallic glittery edging, thick waxy petals and sturdy constitutions, Zahler continued to breed diploids.

This tiny Ed Zahler seedling has a red eye and an edge all done-up in rose-edged ruffles.



Ed Zahler's 'Conway Stoplight' is "the clearest rose-red daylily in my garden," Roger Mercer says.



He insisted that you could accomplish anything with diploids that you could with tetraploids, if you were persistent in pursuing your goals, thoughtful in selecting parents and extremely selective in choosing what to keep of your own seedlings.

Today, the daylily world is beginning to take notice of what Zahler has achieved in his Conway, South Carolina, garden.

Zahler's garden will be on the 2018 national American Hemerocallis Society tour. More than 150 visitors, mostly from the United States, will see all of Zahler's accomplishments. They include incredible edging with remarkable ruffles, frills and teeth. His daylilies open extremely flat from the throat. They have heavy substance, corduroy-like texture and smooth textures, bright and diverse colors, high bud counts and sizes from not much over 2 inches to more than 9 inches.

Zahler is a happy man nowadays. He has silenced many doubters. And he has proven that the extra genes in tetraploids can mean that you reach goals more slowly than you can with diploids that have half as many genes to marshal in the search for advancements.

Zahler is expanding his garden and improving it. Next year will be a good year to see his garden. Go in early to mid-June. His address is 2107 Cultra Road, Conway, SC 29526. It's about a two-hour drive from most parts of our region.

Or wait until 2018 and go see all the gardens in the Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, area that will be on the national tour. To do that, you will have to join the local Sandhills Daylily Club. Call Linda Sue Barnes at 308-0643 or 308-2294 to learn more about joining. Or attend the next club meeting on the fourth Thursday in February at 6 p.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, 3232 Davis St., Hope Mills.

Send your comments and questions to roger@mercergarden.com or call 424-4756. You may send plant and pest samples to Roger Mercer, 6215 Maude St., Fayetteville, NC 28306. Please include your telephone number.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Shirlene is out of hospital and recovering at home.

Both Bill and Dee pace are recovering well.

Jim❖

NOVEMBER HOST/HOUSTESS -

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Turkey & Dressing by Douglas Howie, sides by Rich Miller, Esther Strawn, Tom & Diane Bevel, Rebecca Reed, Jane Denton, Bob & Mary Ledebouer, Nickie & Eddie Knight, Vernon Wallis, Sharon Bartlett, and Cathy Koogler.

Thanks so much!



JANUARY HOST/HOUSTESS -

CROCKPOT LUCK

John Turrentine, Vernon Wallis, Cathy Koogler, Ester Strawn, Joyce Valdez, Linda Long, Nickie Knight, Janet von Kohn, Tom & Diane Bevel, Mary & Bob Ledebouer, Tucker & Rebecca Reed, Susan Austin, and Sharon Bartlett

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens

Time 7:00 PM, January 19th 2017

DGDallas Meeting @ North Haven Gardens

Time 10:00 AM, Third Saturday,
Jan-May, Sept-Nov.

Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society @

United Cooperative Services, Cleburne
Time 10 AM, Second Saturday monthly

ETDS Meeting @ Tyler Rose Gardens

Time 2:00 PM, Second Sunday,
Jan-May, Oct-Nov

Shows n Sales

AHS Regionals

Reg6 – Austin, May 25-27, 2017

Reg11 – OK City, June 16-18, 2017

Reg13 – 2017 TBA

AHS

June 21-24 , 2017 - Norfolk, Virginia.

June 6-10, 2018, Myrtle Beach. SC

North Texas Daylily Society

Membership Application Form

Please complete ALL fields

Date _____ Renewal for 20____ New membership(s)

Note that new members joining after January 1st are joining for following year.

Are you currently an American Hemerocallis Society member?

Names (please print) _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone numbers Home _____

Work _____

Email address _____

Do you need the Newsletter mailed? ____ (Y/N)

Do you want a NorthTexasDaylilySociety.org email address? ____ (Y/N)

If so, PRINT exact address wanted.

(Normally this is First.Last@NorthTexasDaylilySociety.org)

Memberships desired: Single member - \$15 Family membership - \$20

Youth member - \$8

Life membership - \$150 Lifetime family membership - \$200

Please make checks payable to **North Texas Daylily Society**

Mail to **C. L. GIBSON**
NTDS VP Membership,
620 Cullum Ave
Hurst, Texas 76053

In addition to NorthTexasDaylilySociety.org, we have the alias NorthTexasDaylilySociety.com. Please note that the Newsletter address has changed on previous pages.

The 'I have a problem/question' address is admin@northtexasdaylilysociety.org.

My club address is Jim.Bartlett@northtexasdaylilysociety.org while my normal email continues to be G236007@gmail.com

I plan on discussing this as needed in future meetings. I think using our club as your email address (or one of your email addresses) is just nicer than gmail, yahoo, msn, etc. Or the ever changing email address provided by your current ISP.

And, you can quickly change the NorthTexasDaylilySociety.org account to automatically forward **all mail to any other email account**. It will keep or delete the messages forwarded as you instruct.

So, I can just set everybody up or ask for requests. I would prefer to set everyone up at one time because I can do that from the membership list. And yes, this is a little easier than manually setting up 40-odd folks. Please note that I did NOT say 40 odd-folks.... :o)

OBTW, this includes all the applications included with a GMAIL account, private and shared DOCs (word processing, spreadsheets, etc), private and shared calendars, private and shared Sites (web pages).

Think about it and we can discuss any Thursday. Or just send me a note.

Jim