



THE GARDEN GATE

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LINDA'S LETTER

We have had scapes in all the beds and some yellow, cream, orange, etc. blooms. This week we are seeing more variety of color and types of blooms. We should have plenty to choose from for the NTDS Show, "Daylily Palooza" on June 3. We need everyone to enter at least one bloom in the show, even if you have never done so before. At this month's meeting you can learn how to groom a bloom for a show. Your one bloom might be the one that earns a blue ribbon !

We will need volunteers on Friday, June 2 (time to be decided) in the afternoon to help unload supplies, cover tables, fill

display vases with water, etc.

Five members went to Stegalls Nursery on Friday, April 28. We almost had the whole place to ourselves and found many beautiful plants we just had to have !

We need to decide which restaurant and what day in July that we want to have our indoor picnic. See you Thursday , May 18 at 7:00.

Linda ❖

Secretary's report

Meeting Called to Order at 7:11, 18 Members
2 visitors

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:11pm and we welcomed our visitors.
2. Newsletter – Secretaries and Treasures reports were approved as written.
3. Sunshine Report
 - o Gail had surgery about three weeks ago, got an infection and is back in the hospital, feeling a bit better
 - o Shirlene Holt and Gene Holt doing okay
 - o DeeDee says Mike is working on eating solid food
 - o Ester had surgery, no report as of the meeting
4. Old Business

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- Trip to Steagals Nursery has been planned for Friday April 28th at 9:30-10:00. They take checks, credit cards, and cash. Lunch afterwards TBD.
 - Garden Visits are planned for May 13th at 10:00. Vern, Joyce, Tucker, Jon volunteered their gardens. Lunch is planned at the fish place. Jim will make maps for the garden tour.
5. New Business
- July will be the picnic. Inside at a restaurant this time. Susan will look into options.
 - Tucker will come up with a list for the daylily sale in the fall.
 - Janet has been talking to Bill Waldorp about speaking at a club meeting and bringing some plants for an auction. (Kennesaw Mountain Daylilies). He has offered to do a 50/50 option. She looking into it.
 - Regional in Austin still has space and are looking for more registrations. Get it in ASAP. May 25-27 \$120 registration.
 - May food theme: Finger food and sandwiches
 - Please update your contact information with Jim for the mailing list.
 - Please pay your dues if you haven't. Nicki thinks everyone has
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:42. We will listen to Steve Huddleston's talk on Companion Plants for Daylilies while we eat dinner.

Picnic options

These are current options for our picnic. We can discuss them at the May meeting. All of them have outdoor patios, which we might enjoy.

- America Gardens
<http://www.dfw.com/2017/03/26/1184153/america-gardens-opens-in-west.html>
- Gardens Restaurant in the Botanic Gardens <https://www.gardensrestaurantandcatering.com/>
- RJ Gators <http://rjgatorsfw.com/>
- Press Cafe
<https://www.presscafeftworth.com>

- Woodshed
<http://woodshedsmokehouse.com/>

Susan❖

Program

Nickie Knight has agreed to do her great grooming presentation to get us ready for the show. If you have never shown, she can guide you through the process. And, if you have never shown, the morning of the show, just walk out in your yard, pick 2 or three scapes, cut them, and come to show. We will all help you get started.

Janet❖

Meetings

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

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

Echoing Linda, if you have never been to a regional, one as close as Austin is an **opportunity you should consider**. I (Jim) will even buy your first drink at bar. I hope to see many of you there.

2017 AHS Region 13 Meeting, Hosted by ARK-LA-TEX Hemerocallis Study Club, **May 18-20**, 2017, Homewood Suites Shreveport, **Shreveport, LA**

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

And we (Sharon n Jim) plan on attending this one as well.

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

Jim❖

2017 Region 6 Meeting

Hello!

I'm Jeff Breitenstein, Vice President of the Austin Daylily Society. We're excited to gather our Region's members in Austin this May 25-27, for a three-day series of speakers, garden tours, dinners, awards, and much more!

We would also like to invite all Region 6 Hybridizers to submit seedlings for the Edna Lankart Award, presented for the best seedling by a Region 6 hybridizer who isn't a member of the the host club. Seedlings will be hosted at Tanglewild Gardens in north Austin, which will be the location for lunch during one day of the garden tours.

Now is the time to send your seedlings so they can be planted and become acclimated to our Austin weather and climate.

The address where seedlings may be sent:

Austin Daylily Society, Region 6

c/o Jeff Breitenstein

12229 Tanglewild Drive

Austin, TX 78758

206-713-9405

For more information on the 2017 Regional Meeting, please visit:

<http://www.austindaylily.org/2017-regional/>

<http://www.austindaylily.org/2017-regional/details/>

<http://www.austindaylily.org/2017-regional/edna-lankart/>

http://www.ahsregion6.org/regional_meeting.htm

For more information on Region 6 Hybridizer awards, please visit:

http://www.ahsregion6.org/awards_hybridizer.htm

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at jeff.breitenstein@gmail.com or 206-713-9405.

We look forward to seeing you May 25-27!

I got it / I want it...

Nothing this month, send me your list.

A neglected garden comes alive

<http://tinyurl.com/kth9tg7>

By Lydia Holley Special to CNHI Apr 24, 2017

I once heard a gardener remark, "Every type of weather is good for something in the garden." Well, of course, that's true.

Dry weather is good for cacti, yucca and other dry-weather plants. Abundant rain is great for cannas,

Louisiana irises, hostas and other moisture-loving plants.

Spring rains are good for my great-grandmother's garden, which has been neglected for years. My great-grandmother died in 1980. My grandmother lived there until her death in 2009.

The new owner checks on the house and property a few times a year, but does not live there. I drive by occasionally, just to look.

I am always amazed how much continues to live and bloom in her neglected garden, and the abundance and types of plants that have lived though the years, even through the memorable drought of 2011. This garden has never received any type of supplemental watering.

Each year, I am thrilled to see blooms from daffodils, irises, surprise lilies and even a crape myrtle that I played under as a child.

Never fertilized, never mulched, and never watered except by rainfall, these are the plants that continue to thrive through all the adverse weather conditions that have been thrown their way. It amazes me.

When it rains, new blooms come to life in her garden. One year, I noticed some daylilies beginning to bloom. I had never noticed these blooms before, and was amazed that they were still alive. These daylilies are *hemerocallis fulva*, the orange daylily scorned by daylily aficionados.

Hemerocallis fulva is also know as the ditch lily, because in places where there is adequate moisture, these daylilies thrive, even in the ditches lining the roadways. These China natives are tough survivors. So much so, they are considered an invasive species in Georgia, Kentucky and Illinois.

Ditch lilies are unlike most daylilies, because their root structures are aggressive, long and thick. These plants crowd out others, so most people are warned away from planting them, especially with other daylilies, as they can take over a large area.

Of course, in the right spot, where they are allowed to spread, they can be an easy care alternative, and many people love this heirloom plant.

I myself have planted some in my garden, and take delight knowing that they are clones of the daylilies in my great-grandmother's garden.

Whether you love or hate these common daylilies, blooming in my great-grandmother's garden, they are beautiful to me. They remind me that gardens can sometimes live longer than the gardener. And that there is a silver lining in the cloudy skies of a rainy day.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Esther Strawn is out of rehab and doing well.

Jose Sandoval and Gail Williams are both out of hospital and improving.

Lets keep all three in our thoughts

Jim❖

APRIL HOST/HOUSTESS -

SANDWICHES & FINGER FOODS

Sharon Bartlett, Merita Knapp, Connie Taylor, Tucker & Rebecca Reed, Mary Ledeboer, EJ Lee, and Cathy Koogler

Thanks so much!



MAY HOST/HOUSTESS -

POT LUCK

Sharon Bartlett, Nickie Knight, Cathy Koogler, Tom and Diane Bevel, Kristi Kolpaner, Linda Long, Vernon Wallis, Joyce Valdez, and Tucker & Rebecca Reed

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens
Time 7:00 PM, May 18th 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
ETDS, Tyler, March 24-25th, 2017

AHS Regionals
Reg13 – Shreveport, May 18-20, 2017
Reg6 – Austin, May 25-27, 2017
Reg11 – OK City, June 16-18, 2017

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 **Nickie Knight**
NTDS VP Membership,
1201 Crockett Dr
Burleson, TX 76028-6922

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