



THE GARDEN GATE

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LINDA'S LETTER

For the last 3 or 4 weeks I think all of us have been blessed with much appreciated rain but also humidity, high temperatures, rapidly growing weeds and grass that needs mowing every few days. Such is the life of a gardener. If you didn't come to the NTDS and DGD Flower Show you missed a very nice show with many beautiful blooms (even though it rained early that morning) for our friends and the public to view. As usual for our club, we enjoyed a good lunch from Spring Creek plus visiting with judges, other members and friends, and introducing strangers visiting the FWBG to the beauty and

variety of our daylily.

On Thursday, July 20 at 7:00 P.M. NTDS will have an indoor picnic at Los Vaqueros, located at 2629 North Main Street just north and west of Billy Bob's. Joe T. Garcias did not have a space available on the 20th. Los Vaqueros is also a family owned restaurant. The club will pay for members' food and drinks but you must pay for any alcoholic drinks. If we have enough attendance, we will be in the Arkansas Corral area. Please call or email me to let us know how many of you to expect. ---817-341-1297 or kenlinda2012@gmail.com . Hope that many of you will come.

With much sorrow we have learned of the passing of two of our members.

Last month Dee Dee Thompson lost her husband, Mike after he had struggled for a year with cancer. Mike didn't want a funeral so Dee Dee followed his wishes. I believe Jim is including a letter from her elsewhere in this newsletter. Please keep Dee Dee and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Luke Senior, Jr. died in the spring but we weren't notified until last month.

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Luke had moved to Katy, TX a few years ago after his wife Joan died. In the 80's Luke was president of the AHS and Joan was an officer also. He was interesting and knowledgeable about daylilies and most anything else. I'm glad Kenneth and I were able to meet him.

Hope to see you at Los Vaqueros. If not, see you in August.

Linda ❖

RIP Mike Thompson

Mike passed away in June after a long illness. Please keep Dee Dee in your thoughts.

Rather than copy into newsletter, I have attached a letter from Dee Dee.

Jim ❖

RIP Luke Senior Jr

Many of you have heard that Luke Senior, Jr. (past AHS president, AHS life member, and NTDS life member) has passed away. I just received confirmation about this.

Luke passed away on March 22, 2017 in Katy, Texas. He was cremated and then buried along with Joan's remains on May 20, 2017 at his family cemetery in Simonton, Texas. He did not want an obituary. He wanted a very private, small service.

I have created a tribute to Luke on the Region 6 website. James Collins, Luke's adopted son, provided an article he had written about his life with Luke and his wife Joan. I have posted that to the web page with a link to the article.

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

Ray Houston, Reg6 ❖

Secretary's report

No changes to secretary's report or treasures report...approved as written

Sunshine report

- Gail is better
- Ester is home
- Joe is better

Old business

- 5 members went on the field trip to Stegal's. They had lots of fun and had the place to themselves (April 28th).
- Garden club tours: Four members and one guest attended. The gardens looked good. Next time we should try to be more organized,

east and west tours, and try to get more members to attend.

- Need to update contact list. If you haven't do it already. AHS membership status and address/contact information

New Business

- Austin show is next week. We are going to do a vase with \$200 worth of one dollar coins as our donation. Sharon and Jim will bring it down to the Summer Meeting.
- Picnic plan: July 20th at 7:00 Joe T. Garcia's Club will pay for \$20/person
- Plant sale: Tucker presented a proposal for 6 growers \$500 each for a \$3000 total. Later Linda contacted him to make a change to the budget he was given. New plan will be to 5 growers (3 at \$500 and 2 at \$300). Further plans will be made at the August meeting.
- August meeting food theme will be sandwiches and salads. Perfect for hot weather.

Show Report

- Meat: BBQ mixed meats (feeding 30-40)
- Sign-in sheet when around to sign up for food
- Need helpers on Friday to set up at 1:00. Concert in the garden will be going on so we need to setup prior to it getting busy.
- Decoration are handled by Dallas Club
- Grab you tags and frames, etc
- Saturday we can get in at 8:00, be ready at for judging at 10:00ish

Rebecca ❖

Program

our member Tucker Read will be speaking on carnivorous plants

Janet ❖

AHS Region 6: Popularity Poll Ballot

It is that time of year again when we have the privilege of voting for our favorite daylilies in the AHS Popularity Poll.

Remember you **must vote by September 1st.**

One of the requirements for voting in the AHS Daylily Popularity Poll is that you **MUST** be an AHS member. If you have not paid your annual AHS dues and you vote, your vote will be thrown out.

If you are an AHS member, go to the ballot web page and select Region 6 from the drop-down list. Then press the Select Your Region button.

<http://www.daylilies.org/PopPoll/ballot.html>

Vote for up to, but no more than ten (10) cultivars. A valid ballot may consist of only one vote.

Put check marks in front of the daylily names you wish to select. You also have the option of write-in votes for up to 5 daylily names. Your votes, including write-ins, cannot total more than 10.

Fill in your name, email address, and mailing address at the bottom of the ballot. You may also include the name of your daylily club. Press the CONTINUE button. Then press the VOTE THIS BALLOT button and your choices will be sent.

Our Regional Publicity Director, Maureen Valenza, will tabulate the votes and report the totals for the most popular daylilies in Region 6.

Ray Houston, Reg6 ❖

Medina garden features 3,800 varieties of daylily

<http://tinyurl.com/ydxy2474>

By VIRGINIA KROPF, THE DAILY NEWS, JULY 25, 2017 AT 5:15 AM
MEDINA, NY — There was a time when Brent Ross wouldn't have known what a daylily was.

Now he not only grows two acres of them at his Cottage Gardens on East Shelby Road, but he has won awards for his hybridizing.

Growing up in Albion, Ross said his parents were avid gardeners – his father growing vegetables, and his mother her flowers.

“In the back of my mind, I thought I'd like to own a nursery, but I never wanted to be a horticulturist,” he said.

Instead, he studied accounting in college.

He first saw a daylily when he and his wife Debbie were looking at a house for sale and the owner was digging her bulbs.

“She gave me one, and we purchased one,” Ross said.

Soon after, they visited a garden in Hamlin that had massive beds of daylilies and soon the Rosses were buying from hybridizers all over the country.

After retiring and moving to East Shelby Road in 1991, Ross talked to neighboring farmer Bob Pask, who agreed to let Ross use a piece of ground between their properties, and Cottage Gardens was born.

Soon, Ross got into hybridizing, with his first two called Medina Mystery and Greta Grapette.

There are more than 80,000 registered daylilies, and Ross grows 3,800 varieties in his gardens. One he developed is called Twila Jean in honor of his mother.

Daylilies date back to ancient Asia, and get their name from the Greek word “hemerocallis,” meaning “beauty” and “day.” They were brought to America in the early 1900s, and in the 1920s, Wisconsin botanist A.B. Stout began extensive hybrid programs. The American Hererocallis Society was founded and in 1946 became the official registry for all types of daylilies.

Many of Ross' cultivars are Stout Award winners. He has seven new introductions for 2017, and like all the other 3,800 plants, each one is named and tagged with the hybridizer and the year it was developed.

Daylilies start blooming in June and start dying back in early August, with most of the blooms gone by mid-August. The blooms are especially profuse this year because of all the rain, Ross said.

While the flowers are easy to raise (they only need bright sunlight), they do require some work. Every Friday, Ross, his wife and half a dozen family and friends spend three hours taking off the dead blossoms, called “deadheading.”

“We also livehead, or take off all the blossoms, and by Saturday morning they plants are in full bloom again,” Ross said.

That is how the flower got its name, because each blossom only blooms for a day and then a new one appears.

The flowers come in various shapes and patterns. Some blooms are round, some are rippled and others are variegated. Some are shaped like spiders and some have a saw-tooth edge. Some reach 16 inches in diameter and some may only get 15 inches tall, while another may grow to five feet. One variety has a nine-inch bloom which increases by two inches during the day.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Esther Strawn is out of rehab and doing well after her knee surgery.

Linda Butcher is recovering well from back surgery due to fall just before our show.

Rich Miller is doing well (as seen at picnic) after his cardiac issue.

Jim❖

MAY HOST/HOESSESS -

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 so much!

And immense thanks to those who fed Judges and Members at the Show.



AUGUST HOST/HOESSESS -

SANDWICHES AND SALADS.

Remember last meeting when you said that August was too far out to sign up but everyone would just bring sandwiches and salads?

BRING SANDWICHES AND SALADS!!

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens
Time 7:00 PM, August 17th 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

AHS
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