



THE GARDEN GATE

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LINDA'S LETTER

September was a busy month for NTDS. On Wednesday 9/20 more than a dozen members attended the tagging party at the Reeds' home. We tagged plants, bought plants, and enjoyed seeing their beautiful and unusual variety of plants. At our meeting the next night, Bill Waldrop was an excellent speaker, who also creates beautiful daylilies.

We bought plants again. Two days later was our large NTDS indoor sale at FWBG. Again we (the members) bought more plants but so did the public ! NTDS had a very successful sale.

If you still need (?) more daylilies, you're in luck ----- Daylily Bingo is this month. If you are new to daylilies, this is a good way to add to your collection for little expense; only \$5 for 6 cards. It's also a way to make room for all the fans you bought in Sept. by digging and bringing some of your existing clumps to share with others. Also, we have many beautiful daylilies from our sale to choose from. This is an excellent time to introduce your friends to daylilies.

At our Nov. meeting we will share all kinds of gardening related items at our " Plant and Seed Exchange ". And of course we will have food ---- a full Thanksgiving Dinner.

See you at Bingo for fun, food---ice cream from the officers and also food that is healthy.

Linda❖

Secretary's report

Meeting was called to order at 7:06

Members 25

Visitor (Guest Speaker) 1

Secretary and Treasures Reports were accepted as written

Dee Dee will be having a moving sale in October. Feel free to call her if you want to preview. Cash Only.

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We need to make a decision on when the club should meet next year so we can schedule your meetings with FWBG. Cost would be the same (in the spring, may have changed since then). The choices are: Saturday Daytime vs. Thursday Night. Club voted and Thursday evening won. Meeting will stay the same going forward.

Officer nominations

Members volunteered to fill the Treasurer (Margaret) and Programs (John T.) positions.

The suggestion was made that going forward membership money will be sent directly to the Treasurer as opposed to Membership. The bylaws were consulted to make sure this change would be possible without having to amend them. Since the Membership VP is not required to collect the dues, we can move forward with this change.

Linda will not be president next year so we need a new one. The club created a committee to find the new president. Vernon, Kenneth, and Jim are the committee and will report back to the club next month.

There was a good turnout at the tagging party.

At the sale there will be a different layout. Come and help. We will need bags and the trays. Janet will bring coffee and doughnuts. Set-up will start at 8:00. Public at 9:00. We have the square so people can buy daylilies with credit card. Bring drinks and snacks.

The club decided not to participate in the FWBG's Fall Sale on October 5-7. There was not enough interest in staffing a club booth for the entire sale.

October meeting is daylily bingo. The food will be finger food and sandwiches

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 for food and the guest speaker, Bill Waldrop, of Kennesaw Mountain Daylilies

Rebecca❖

Program

BINGO! Again, we are lucky to have Gordon and Happy Carver as callers. From their facebook page;

I retired 31 Dec 2004. Happy and I still live in Weatherford, TX. We raise irises, rabbits, chickens and have a FAITH garden. Travel some to visit family and friends. My 50th Class reunion was really enjoyable. There were almost two people I recognized...

Happy is the Pintrest Guru in our home, got to give her credit!

If you have no plants to bring, any garden related item, inside or out, is welcome.

Jim❖

RIP Binion Amerson

Binion passed away September 23 in his sleep due to complications from cancer.

Ray has a very good description of Binion's impact on our clubs and on AHS at

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

When he lost his long time lease, he moved his AHS Display Garden to create the Farmers Branch Public Daylily Garden.

In 1995, Binion and Tim Fehr developed a sample website for AHS, which was entitled "The Friends of the Daylily," and Binion served as the first AHS Webmaster. This is what we use today as Daylilies.org, the official AHS site. His professional background was visible when he was editor of our Region 6 newsletter.

RIP

Jim❖

Dallas iris lover breaks new ground breeding irises in unusual colors

[Sharon and I spent a very nice time chatting with Pat at the Dallas Iris Fall sale – Jim]

Pat Norvell can name-drop with the best of them: Marie Caillet, Ralph and Muriel Pinkus, Neil Sperry. Dedicated local gardeners recognize the names of the woman who popularized Louisiana irises, the founders of North Haven Gardens, and the longtime radio host and author.

Although Norvell, 86, moved in the gardening world's upper echelons, she stayed in the background. Her quiet demeanor belies her

opinionated self. And just like Norvell, her Northwest Dallas house of 50 years hides what is happening behind its facade. The back door opens onto a Louisiana iris nursery.

This is not a nursery in the retail sense. Norvell has a few pots of preemies, Louisianas of her own breeding that are still a year away from producing blooms. Only then will she know if this batch has a seedling worth cultivating for the iris-selling market.

"The color needs to be unique," Norvell says. "There are 10,000 yellow Louisiana iris and there are probably 10,000 purple Louisiana iris."

There also are hundreds of thousands of German bearded irises, she adds, explaining why she has focused her amateur hybridizing efforts on what was long known only as swamp iris, until the late Marie Caillet mounted her marketing campaign to make Louisianas better known and better appreciated.

"Marie Caillet was a dear friend of mine. Ralph [Pinkus of North Haven Gardens] and I would go to see Marie and her Louisianas [in Grapevine]. I'm the one that introduced him to Marie."

One late spring, Norvell recounts, Pinkus drove them to Caillet's lakeside cottage, where Louisianas proliferated on the shallow edges of a pond and flowers, shrubs and trees formed a Southern arboretum in miniature. On past spring visits, Norvell had driven.

"I told myself that if I ever got home alive, I would never get in a car with Ralph again. He looked at all the flowers and not the traffic!"

Once Caillet, who died in 2010 at 96, became too frail to dig up Louisianas in the muck, heat and humidity, Pinkus thinned the colony, potted them up and sold them at North Haven Gardens. It was just about the only way to acquire Louisianas at the time, unless one belonged to the Iris Society of Dallas, whose members traded among themselves and held fundraising sales.

Although Caillet did not introduce any irises to the trade, she practiced the science for her own pleasure.

"Marie was always showing me what to look for in a good Louisiana iris," Norvell says.

Norvell also tried her hand at breeding and, after a few years, presented the result to her friend.

Caillet said: "It has nice form. It has good substance. But I don't like it because it's brown. I don't like brown."

"So," Norvell shrugs, "I crossed some other things."

To date, a single Norvell hybrid has been introduced into commerce. Registered with the American Iris Society in 2012 as 'Changing Shadows', Norvell's Louisiana is described as having a Dresden-yellow base, sea-lavender petals with a light-yellow center line and rim, lettuce-green falls and a wide lavender band overlaid with brown.



'Changing Shadows'

"But on the second day," says Norvell, "the brown is gone."

Norvell's introduction, 'Changing Shadows', is for sale through Greg McCullough's Iris City Gardens near Nashville. IrisCityGardens.com.

The iris fancier has created another Louisiana with unusual colors. Primarily red-violet, a hue from an artist's paint box, it is considered unique because few Louisianas are pink.



The plant, however, does not produce enough blooms per stalk to warrant introducing it, Norvell says. "My granddaughter said, 'That is the prettiest thing I ever saw. Name it after me.'" Norvell has: 'Kiley's Pick'.

SUNSHINE REPORT

I know of nothing this month.

If anyone does, drop me a note.

Jim❖

SEPTEMBER HOST/HOESSESS -

MEXICAN

Grenetta Bledsoe, Joyce Valdez, Nickie Knight, Vernon Wallis, Linda Long, Esther Strawn, Cathy Koogler, Susan Austin, Janet Howie, Rebecca Reed, and Kristi Kolpanen

Thanks so much!



OCTOBER HOST/HOESSESS -

COOKES AND FINGER FOOD

Any member may bring some items.

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens

Time 7:00 PM, October 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

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**
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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