



THE GARDEN GATE

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LINDA'S LETTER

It's good that our favorite plant ,the daylily, is also a tough plant. It has to be to survive our Texas weather. Here in Peaster in the last couple of weeks it has gone from fall to winter (29*) to summer (97*) and back to fall ! Also, we had been seeing reblooms until this week.

At our Oct. 'Daylily Bingo' meeting there were many visitors. Five became members of NTDS at the meeting. We enjoyed the food and ice cream along with the fellowship and sharing of our daylilies and other plants. Our thanks go to Happy and Gordon Carver for providing another night of Bingo fun.

NTDS now has a full slate of officers for 2018 after Tucker Reed accepted the nomination and was voted in as president. The officers for 2018 are:

- President ----- Tucker Reed
- 1st VP Programs ----- John Turrentine
- 2nd VP Membership ----- Nickie Knight
- 3rd VP Publicity ----- Susan Austin
- 4th VP Treasurer ----- Margaret Cline
- Secretary ----- Rebecca Reed

This month we have our annual 'Plant and Seed Exchange' and full Thanksgiving dinner. We share seeds, bulbs, perennials, cuttings, tools, books, gloves and ??? garden related. You never know what you will be taking home ! Just know that you will have fun.

See you Thursday, Nov. 16. at 7:00.

Linda ❖

Secretary's report

Meeting called to order at 7:06
32 Members, 10 Visitors
Secretary's and Treasurers reports approved as written
Old business
Tagging party was held on September 20. It went well. Thanks to the Reeds.
We tried a new set-up for the sale (each daylily cultivar in its own pot with

Officers

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Janet Von Kohn
817 483 5146

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817 925 5052

Fourth VP Treasurer

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817 297 4564

Secretary

Rebecca Reed
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a picture and all of the stats). It was a good idea and looked very nice.

Nominating committee Report: They recommended Tucker Reed. He accepted their recommendation. Nobody else in the club was interested in running for president, so the club voted and Tucker will be the club's president for the 2018 year.

New Business

Dues need to be paid to the treasurer. Please turn take care of them in a timely manner. Thanks!

Next month-plant and seed exchange and Thanksgiving dinner. Sign-up was passed for sides and desserts. Bring seeds, plants, cuttings, etc. to trade with other members. They do not need to be daylilies.

Joan Smith had surgery right after the sale.. She is doing well but has had some nerve problems.

Binion Amerson passed away September 23, 2017. The club decided to make an AHS memorial donation in his honor.

John posted proposed programs for next year

January: What is the AHS?

February: Daylilies 101

March: Shapes of Distinction

April: Gardening with Daylilies (With a focus on garden etiquette)

May: Preparing to Exhibit/Staging a Show

June: Show/Picnic

July: Off

August:

September:

October: BINGO

November: Thanksgiving

December: Holiday Party

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 for food and BINGO

Rebecca❖

Program

Thanksgiving! And I think we all have things to be thankful for this year, I do.

Remember to wander around your yard, if you have not already, and gather stuff for our annual seed and heritage plant exchange.

And bring your appetite for our dinner. Club is providing ham (cooked by Vernon) and turkey (and dressing, cooked by Nickie), everyone else bring sides. If you have forgotten what you signed up for or want to check list, call Sharon.

Jim❖

Note from Dee Dee

Dear Daylily Friends:

I want to personally thank you for the wonderful donation to the Frisco Leadership Prep School, in memory of Mike Thompson. I know he would be so pleased knowing a beautiful oak tree and memorial plaque will be on the new school grounds-which both Grand daughters, Kate (8), and Audrey (5), will see, and be cooled under the shade of the Oak branches for many years to come.

I have a buyer for my home, pending of course, as I move ahead to Frisco, Texas. Michael, eldest son, is moving to Parker County, where "all good Deputy sheriff's" long to live!

I will miss you, but more daylilies will be growing in Collin County, in our new home within a year!

Happy Holidays everyone! Hold close the precious memories of your family.

Time to divide daylilies

By Brenda Heinold - Victoria County Master Gardener Intern Edited by Charla Borchers Leon

Sept. 21, 2017 at 9:57 p.m.

Updated Sept. 23, 2017 at 1 a.m.

Fall is officially here - finally. The cooler nights and more moderate daytime temperatures will make gardening more pleasant and present the best opportunity for planting and dividing one of our favorite perennials - the daylily.

Why divide daylilies

Daylilies are divided for many reasons: to pass along to friends, to produce more landscaping opportunities for our own gardens and to contribute to the overall health and vigor of the plant and its flowers.

Daylilies are a clumping perennial that can multiply quite rapidly. The clump wants to expand outward, which it can easily do in loose

soils, but heavy soils hamper the daylily's ability to spread its roots. Eventually, the new clump will produce smaller scapes and flowers. For that reason, most daylily clumps will benefit from being divided every three to five years.

When to divide daylilies

Generally, daylilies should be divided about six weeks before the first frost. Because the average date of our first frost is early December, the best time to divide daylilies is mid- to late-October.

How to divide daylilies

Follow these easy steps to divide daylilies and have more blooms in the future.

Dig around clump and lift from ground

Using a garden spade or garden fork, dig down in a circle all around the clump before trying to lift it. Then, dig under and lift the entire clump from the ground.

Divide roots by hand.

The next step is to divide the roots by hand. You will notice that the daylily roots are a combination of elongated, fleshy tubers and smaller, fibrous roots. If a lot of soil clings to the roots, direct a blast of water from the garden hose at the soil.

The roots tend to wrap around one another, but can usually be divided without cutting them. Take your time teasing and wiggling the intertwined roots apart.

Trim foliage; roots

Using sharp scissors, trim the foliage in an inverted V-shape to about 4-6 inches in height.

You should also trim the roots, removing any damaged or diseased tubers and most or all of the fibrous roots to encourage new root growth.

Plant your new daylily plants

The most enjoyable part of dividing daylilies is planning where to plant the new divisions.

In same growing location

You might want to put some back in the original growing location or find new areas of the landscape to plant others. Remember that daylilies require at least six hours of full sun to perform well.

In new hole

If you can, mix some compost, peat moss, sand or well-rotted manure with your garden soil. Dig a hole about twice as large as needed for the daylily. Then make a small mound of dirt in the bottom of the hole large enough so that the daylily's roots can be draped over the mound. Finally, fill the hole with dirt so that the crown of the daylily is at soil level, working the dirt as you go to fill the spaces between the roots.

Multiple fans per hole

To achieve the look of an "instant" clump, you can plant two or three fans in each hole, making sure to spread the roots as much as possible. If you want the look of a mass planting, plant fans about 12-18 inches apart over a wide area. This will allow room for the plants to multiply and bloom well for several years. Remember that many cultivars multiply rapidly.

In pots

Besides planting in flowerbeds, you might put some in pots for yourself or your lucky friends. Daylily divisions should be planted immediately if possible. If you cannot plant them for a few days, place them in a container with damp sand to keep the roots moist.

Unless you plan to keep a daylily in a pot a very short time, a few weeks at the maximum, be sure to research the best methods for container daylilies. You will need large containers; a very well drained potting medium; and an understanding of the fertilizer, drainage and water needs of your potted daylilies.

You can find articles at aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu and further information at daylilies.org, the American Hemerocallis Society website.

The Gardeners' Dirt is written by members of the Victoria County Master Gardener Association, an educational outreach of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension - Victoria County. Mail your questions in care of the Advocate, P.O. Box 1518, Victoria, TX 77901; or vcmga@vicad.com.

SUNSHINE REPORT

I know of nothing this month.

If anyone does, drop me a note.

Jim❖

OCTOBER HOST/HOESSESS -

COOKES AND FINGER FOOD

Any member may bring some items.

Thanks so much!



NOVEMBER HOST/HOESSESS -

THANKSGIVING

Club provides Ham (Vernon Wallis) and Turkey (Nickie Knight), sides by Sharon Bartlett, Tom & Diane Bevel, Kathy Koogler, Margaret Cline, James von Kohn, Susan Austin, Cliff Russel, Rich Miller, Esther Strawn, Grenetta, Douglas Howie, Rebecca Reed, and Alex Taylor Cowart.

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens

Time 7:00 PM, November 16th 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