



THE GARDEN GATE

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LINDA'S LETTER

If you're new to NTDS , you'll find that our December meeting is all about food, fun and friendship ! We'll have a full Christmas Dinner followed by a spirited gift exchange .Each gift can have 3 owners before it finds it's permanent home. To participate in the gift exchange, bring a gift costing no more than \$20.00.

Our board of officers for 2018 will be introduced and the club gavel will be passed to Tucker Reed as 2018 NTDS president.

Thank you for allowing me to hold the position of president this year. NTDS has had interesting and informative

programs , a very successful flower show despite rain the morning of our show, a summer picnic at Los Vaqueros, a profitable indoor flower sale at the Botanic Gardens (many new people were introduced to the daylily) and we shared daylilies and other plants at our Bingo and Seed and Plant Exchange this fall. I'm looking forward to the future of NTDS and any new ideas and activities Tucker has for us.

Remember to pay your dues for 2018 unless you joined Sept. or later this year.

Linda ❖

Tom Bevel, 17 March 53 - 9 December 17

Thomas Dale Bevel was born March 17, 1953 in Pampa, TX to Loran Clifford Bevel and Martha Rose (Armstrong) Bevel. He passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2017. Thomas loved gardening, was a member of North Texas Daylily Society and Fort Worth Iris Society, collecting stamps, and antiquing. He was also a member and deacon for Arlington Seventh Day Adventist Church. His career centered around building signs for Tandy Sign Company and Metalcraft. He was preceded in death by his parents,

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Loran and Martha Bevel; and niece, Laura Johnson.

Those left to cherish his memory are his loving wife, Diane Bevel; daughters, Rachel Allison and husband Ronnie and Jessica Ochoa and husband Enzo; sisters, Linda Kopec and husband Bruce and Janelle Johnson; nephew, David Kopec; nieces, Jodie Johnson and husband Joey Winterrowd, and Zia Winterrowd.

Funeral service for Mr. Bevel was held December 14 at Arlington Seventh Day Adventist Church

Secretary's report

November 16, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:06

33 members (4 new members), no guests

Secretaries and treasurers reports accepted as submitted

Old Business

- It is time to pay your club dues. New Year starts in January, so get them in ASAP.
- Janet sent in \$100 to AHS in memory of Bunion Anderson. His family will receive an acknowledgement and it will be published in the AHS magazine.

New Business

- Annual donation was voted on. This year the club will be donating \$100 to the Tarrant Food Bank.
- Next meeting is the Christmas Dinner and gift exchange. Christmas Dinner is the food theme. This year's gift exchange will have a \$15-\$20 limit. Gifts will be able to be stolen 2 times (third person gets the gift) and the first person will get to pick from all of the unfrozen gifts at the end of the exchange.
- A proposal to combine checking and savings accounts was made. We need to switch banks as Chase is restricting our ability to add new people to the account. We currently earn about \$0.10/month on the savings account and do not pay any

fees. We would like to find a conveniently located, customer friendly bank. Current and incoming treasures will investigate options.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 for food and the plant exchange.

Rebecca❖

Program

Merry Christmas!

Happy Hanukkah!

Feliz Navidad!

Joyeux Noël!

क्रिसमस की बधाई!

Vrolijk Kersfees!

to all, most especially to those present only in our thoughts.

Jim❖

Edible daylilies the passion of a nurseryman in bid to bring flower back into fashion

<http://tinyurl.com/y8t9azvu>

A Sunshine Coast (Queensland coast north of Brisbane, Au) flower farmer says the humble daylily needs an image boost to remind gardeners that it is beautiful, hardy and so tasty its buds grace the menu of one of Australia's top restaurants.

Nurseryman Scott Alexander's passion for daylilies began back in 1976 when a neighbour introduced him to the flowers that would change his life.

"It was the start of the love affair when I saw that they were repeat flowering and then I found out there were fragrant varieties. Then there were 700 more colours. And so on. I got hooked," he said.

What started as a hobby became Australia's largest mail-order daylily business.

Mr Alexander retired from teaching in 1984 to farm the long flowering, drought tolerant and frost

resistant perennials that grow across the sub-tropics to some of the coldest parts of Australia.

His nursery, Mountain View Daylily, is a riotous patch of colour amongst Maleny's rolling green cow paddocks.



"Some are bred for the northern parts of America and Canada. I've even sent flowers to Anchorage in Alaska. That'll show you how tough they are," Mr Alexander said.



The daylily enthusiast created and named many of the vibrant hybrids, including the appropriately named Maleny Lemon Delight and the sweet-smelling Maleny Apricot Nectar.

His first fully-fragrant daylily, In Excess, has a double-petalled flower in a pastel apricot and pink blend.

The species is native to Asia and is good enough to eat.

In spring and early summer its flower buds can be steamed, boiled or stir-fried.

"For years I've eaten the petals and the little white roots," Mr Alexander said.

"The buds have got a slight peppery taste, and the sweet petals are full of vitamins and minerals."

This season, Mountain View Daylily buds are being delivered once a week to Sydney to feature on the degustation menu at chef Peter Gilmore's swanky Quay restaurant overlooking the Opera House.



"That's a nice little bonus for me. It's nice to know that my daylilies are down there being eaten by connoisseurs," Mr Alexander said.

The global financial crisis took a heavy toll on the nursery industry with many closing down.

His nursery now has one full time staff member where it once had five.

Joel Young farms the flowers while Mr Alexander handles online orders.

"They're not as popular now as they used to be, but that's simply because we're not getting the exposure that we had before," Mr Young said.

"Whether you've got a small garden or a large garden or an apartment with a sunny patio, I think there's a place for daylilies.

"We've supplied hundreds of the same colour to councils for large landscaping projects.

"They're stunning to look at for six weeks to two months, and then they flower again. The fact that a lot of them will flower again in autumn I think's a real bonus.

"You can't help but fall in love with them."

SUNSHINE REPORT

I know of nothing this month.

If anyone does, drop me a note.

Jim❖

NOVEMBER HOST/HOESSESS - THANKSGIVING

Club provided 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 so much!



DECEMBER HOST/HOESSESS - CHRISTMAS

Club provides Ham (Margaret Cline) and Turkey (E J Lee), sides by Rich Miller, Vernon Wallis, Joyce Valdez, Nickie Knight, Ester Strawn, Dennis Niles, Cathy Koogler, Sharon Bartlett, Susan Austin, Tucker & Rebecca Reed, Donna Timmons, Rita Baker, Sue Carrizzaro, Bob & Mary Ledebor, and Ann Bloxham

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens
Time 7:00 PM, December 21st 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