



THE GARDEN GATE

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JOHN'S JOTTINGS

The BINGO meeting is always a lot of fun. The Tables were filled with prizes. The game was well done. If my observation is right: no one left without a large handful of plants. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Gordon and Happy Carver for calling the Bingo for us again this year. The only left over was that cactus plant and I'll never tell where it went (ready or not). The meeting was well attended. The food was very good—a big thank you to each one who brought the spread. It was some very good eating.

The Fall Sale produced a good return on our investment and will keep the

operating budget in great shape. Thank you to each who made this project successful.

The only important business that we took care of in the meeting was the election of the Nominating Committee for the officers for next year. They are as follows: Gene Holt, Nickie Knight, Joyce Valdez, and Vernon Wallis. If you have any suggestions for them to investigate, please let them know soon.

We will have our Thanksgiving Dinner in the meeting this month. Nickie is making the turkey. Janet is cooking the ham. I'll sacrifice and bring the Ice tea. We will also have our seed and plant exchange. Daylily seed, Blue Bonnet seed, and any other seeds or plants that you wish to share are most welcome.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the meeting: November 17, at 7:00 PM or earlier. Let's make it a really great meeting.

John ❖

Secretary's report

1. Our visitors and new member were welcomed.
2. Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's reports approved as printed.
3. Sunshine report

Officers

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John Turrentine

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1. Mike Thompson is doing well, Dee Dee is holding up.
2. Kathy Crabtree's husband passed away. Please send her a card.
3. Amy Barnett will have surgery on Monday.
4. Janet Howie will bring ham and Nickie Knight will bring turkey and dressing for Thanksgiving meeting. Members signed up to bring side dishes.
5. Communications
 1. AHS membership certificate for having 75% of club members belonging to AHS was shown and that reminded the club that the AHS membership drawing had not been done for the last few meetings. This month's drawing went to Jim Bartlett and he gave it to our guest.
6. Old Business
 1. The sale went very well. Thanks go to Ken and his team for a job well done.
7. New Business
 1. Nominating committee is Gene, Joyce, Nickie, Vernon
 2. John passed out the club by-laws since a new president is incoming

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 for bingo, finger food and desserts.

25 members and 4 guests were present.

Susan ❖

Program

Seed and antique plant exchange. Thanksgiving dinner, ALL the fixin's.

Janet ❖

Mikayla Thompson Wins at State Fair of Texas

Competing against college students, AHS senior Mikayla Thompson won fourth-place with her heifer in Senior Showmanship at the State Fair of Texas. She also won Second Place as the Overall Senior Individual for the Texas Junior Red Angus Association State Futurity. Mikayla

took First Place in Senior Photography with a photo she took of her sister Megan as she was teaching a younger child how to show. She was also First Place in Senior Public Speaking with a speech on the importance of showing livestock.

Mikayla moved into a senior age division this year. She was the youngest in the division, competing against freshmen, sophomores and juniors in college. She spent many hours studying and preparing for all five competitions.

Mikayla also was elected to the Texas Junior Red Angus Board of Directors. She will represent the state organization as the 2016-2017 Texas Junior Red Angus board treasurer. She will also be a representative at all the major shows in 2017, as well as the National Junior Red Angus Show.

Congratulations, Mikayla! Your hard work has paid off!

Proud Granny Dee Dee ❖

Growing something new every day, Biloxi man hybridizes daylilies

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There's almost a Garden of Eden feeling about seeing a flower that nobody else has ever seen.

This time of year, Tommy Maddox of Biloxi knows that feeling well. A daylily hybridizer, Maddox will go into his garden where these one-day wonders are growing and, as the sun is rising, watch a colorful daylily unfurl into a truly unique specimen.

Maddox isn't just a daylily enthusiast; he's a hybridizer, happily seizing the challenge of creating something new and beautiful, with equal parts science and art. When he hits a winning combination, his plants can sell for more than \$400, and his hybrids are known

throughout the daylily world and the American Hemerocallis Society.

Maddox and his wife, Joyce, are often at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society's annual daylily shows, and they might be at this year's event, which is Saturday at Edgewater Mall in Biloxi. The show will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., with plant sales beginning at 10 a.m., inside the mall in front of Dillard's.

The exhibition show is open to all daylily growers, and all entries from those planning to exhibit must be received between 8 and 10 a.m. on the show day. Judging will occur between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Seedlings, or unregistered flowers, will be available for sale at what MGCDS Show Chairman Steve Hammons describes as "grab bag prices." They will come from a nationally known hybridizer's garden and will be available first come, first served. In addition, named cultivars will be available for purchase.

Maddox became intrigued by daylily alchemy at a pizza restaurant, of all places.

"I met a guy in Pizza Hut some years ago and he had a hybridized daylily," Maddox said. "I said, 'I've never seen one of those.' Well, we started talking, and the more we talked, the more interested I got."

What really captured his imagination is the mystery of the daylily.

Counting seeds

"If you take a seed pod off and get the seeds out and plant them -- let's say you have 10 seeds in the seed pod -- you will get 10 totally different flowers," he said. "Now, isn't that something? You can have a plant with yellow flowers, and you plant its seeds and get all kinds of colors. It's just amazing."

"They have DNA, just like we do," Joyce Maddox said.

"Every different seedling has a different DNA. What shows up, that could have been from generations ago," Tommy Maddox said. "So we try to develop daylilies that don't exist."

The only way to ensure having a daylily plant that looks like its parent is to harvest "fans" from the plant, he said. As its name suggests, that's

one of the green fanning portions of the plant; it vaguely resembles a palmetto fan. Maddox works with fans and seeds to come up with his unique daylilies, tweaking the resulting flowers until they have that certain *je ne sais quois*.

"You just know when you have it," he said.

"When you've worked with them long enough, you know when it's where it needs to be."

When a daylily is "where it needs to be," Maddox submits it to the American Hemerocallis Society for possible registration. Up to that point, the daylily is known by a number, which Maddox assigns it once it blooms. Once it's registered, Maddox names it, and his daylilies' names always begin with "Abilene," his street in Biloxi.

It's those registered plants that can command top dollar.

I've registered about 50," he said.

Once known by most as "those yellow flowers," daylilies are taking off in a wide spectrum of the warm colors and are venturing into the cooler ones. Chartreuse and softer greens are beginning to be developed. Blue-throated daylilies are making an appearance, with hybridizers eager to develop truly blue variations.

Seeing green

Maddox's green daylily Abilene Green As a Gourd has commanded \$300 for a double fan. Maddox has some daylilies that are awaiting registration.

"I should know in the next two to three months," he said.

In the meantime, he's still working on more hybrids.

"Oh, it's habit forming," he said.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Jim ❖

SEPTEMBER HOST/HOSTESS -

FINGER FOOD AND

CLUB PROVIDED ICE CREAM

No sign up, just bring small sandwiches, chips n dips, veggies and dips.

Thanks so much!



NOVEMBER HOST/HOSTESS -

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Ham by Janet Howie, Turkey / Dressing by Nickie Knight, sides by Vernon Wallis, Joyce Valdez, Tom & Diane Bevel, Cathy Koogler, Ester Strawn, Rich Miller, Rebecca Reed, Sharon Bartlett, Cliff Russell, and several others who did not provide their names.

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens
Time 7:00 PM, November 17th 2016

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
Oct Meeting - Plant/Seed Exchange
Time 2:00 PM, Second Sunday,
Jan-May, Oct-Nov

Shows n Sales

AHS Regionals

Reg6 – Austin, May 25-27, 2017

Reg11 – 2017 TBA

Reg13 – 2017 TBA

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 **C. L. GIBSON**
NTDS VP Membership,
620 Cullum Ave
Hurst, Texas 76053

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