



THE GARDEN GATE

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JOHN'S JOTTINGS

The Thanksgiving meeting went well. Attendance was a little low, perhaps the weather had something to do with that. However, the food was great. The fellowship was super. And we all enjoyed the supper.

DUES are due!!!

Please get your dues into Janet Howie or Nickie Knight as soon as is possible.

I have enjoyed serving as the President for the last four (4) years. Thank you for this privilege. It is well-nigh time for me to take a break and to share this honor someone else. Thank you again.

The Nominating Committee introduced

their nominations. These are as follows:

Linda Long for President.

Janet Von Kohn for Programs

Nickie Knight for Membership

Susan Austin for Publicity

JANET Howie for Treasurer.

_____ for Secretary.

The Membership will vote on these nominations in the December meeting. Our usual procedure has been to put the whole slate into nomination and allow for additions from the floor. We will NEED for someone to serve as secretary to be nominated from the floor to complete the list of officers. IF you are interested in filling this vacancy, please let us know. PLEASE, make every effort possible to be present to vote in this important election.

The meeting December 15 will be a great meeting. We will have our traditional gift exchange. This works something like this. An individual's name will be drawn. This person will be given the first gift to be unwrapped. The next person may get a new one off of the table, or "steal" (I hate that word) a previous opened gift. The gift is "frozen" (no longer "able to be stolen") in the hands of the third owner.

Officers

President

John Turrentine

972 693 7995

First VP Programs

Janet Von Kohn

817 483 5146

Second VP Membership

Nickie Knight

817 551 7260

Third VP Publicity

Dee Dee Thompson

817 249 5992

Fourth VP Treasurer

Janet Howie

817 297 4564

Secretary

Susan Austin

817 925 5052

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I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the December meeting. Let's make it a really fun meeting.

JOHN TURRENTINE

Merry Christmas!, Happy Hanukkah!, Feliz Navidad!, Joyeux Noël! and Vrolijk Kersfees! to all, most especially to those present only in our thoughts.

And may you, and your kith and kin, have a very safe, healthy, happy New Year.

Secretary's report

1. Welcome guest and visitors
2. Secretary minutes and Treasurer report approved
3. Sunshine report, Mike Thompson is doing better. Dee Pace fell and broke her upper arm and is recovering
Ken and Linda Long out with the flu
4. Communications. John warned of hacking and Trojan virus
5. Old Business

Nominating committee recommends -Linda Long for president, ??? for secretary, Nickie Knight, membership, Susan Austin publicity, Janet Von Kohn, programs, Janet Howie treasurer, New business, If you have not paid dues, it is time Refreshments. The Howie volunteered to bring turkey Bring gift for exchange, present is your on third go around
Adjourn for dinner and then plant exchange

Program

Christmas dinner with all the fixin's. Chinese gift exchange.

Changing and Rearranging

Funny thing about life, just when everything seems to be going along great and you have "all your ducks in a row," something comes along that changes all that. In our case, it was my husband's diagnosis of oral cancer last June. It has been a long and tedious journey, but we have learned so much; we are available to anyone else, who is either diagnosed with oral cancer or who has a loved one needing information, support or encouragement. Please call us.

Though Mike quit smoking over 30 years ago, that may or may not be the cause. We met a man who had surgery on the same day as Mike, and he never smoked or drank alcohol. There also may be a genetic factor involved.

Mike has completed six weeks of radiation and several rounds of chemo. His surgeon is well known and is also a plastic surgeon-wonderful news! Mike completed his first CAT scan of the head and neck and is cancer free at this time. In two months he will have a PET full body scan; we are hoping and praying that test will also reveal good news. I have not figured up all the doctor visits and miles on our car yet, as well as Dallas dentistry trips, but let's just say when we are home for a few days in a row, we celebrate the moments of "feeling well and normal" again.

Two years cancer free is the goal for oral cancer patients, per our radiation oncologist.

We want to thank everyone for the many cards and emails. Thank you John Turrentine for being our communicator: always calling, caring, and keeping us informed of daylily news. Everyone is welcome to call us now!

We just underwent eye exams because neither of us feel comfortable, or as safe as we used to at night driving. Our Ophthalmologist confirmed we need to limit all driving to daylight hours only-all our short trips, appointments, and visiting will be during the day. So it is with sadness, that we will not be attending anymore N.T.D.S. nightly meetings-but don't be surprised if we pop in and visit, or help with any daytime club activities!

I leave you with this advice: (teacher that I am), keep your regularly dental appointments, and get screened for oral cancer before it has time to become advanced.

John❖

Jim❖

Nickie❖

Janet❖

Happy Healthy Holidays to you and yours,

Dee Dee❖

Your Garden: Broken daylily scapes can be saved

Dear Roger: *I was weeding the flower bed, and I broke off a 'Shores of Time' scape with three pods on it. The pods are 4 weeks old, and I put the scape in water immediately. Is there any hope of harvesting viable seed from these pods? If so, what should I do to allow them to mature successfully? Should I not waste my time? - John*

Dear John: My dogs occasionally break off scapes when they run through the daylily beds chasing birds, squirrels, rabbits or mice. If there are developing pods I want to save, I do the following: Make a clean cut just above the broken part of the flower stalk and put the scape in warm tap water immediately.

Boil a quart of water for a couple of minutes and put two tablespoons of honey in the water.

Let the water cool until it is hot but not scalding, and use some of it to replace the tap water the scape is in.

Put the extra honey mixture in the refrigerator.

Replace the water every other day.

Cut off the bottom quarter-inch or so of the scape with a razor blade each time you change water.

Keep the stalk in good light, and retain as much stalk as you can.

Dear Roger: *In recent years I have bought several daylilies bred in Florida. I buy them when I go there to visit some of the top Florida daylily breeders.*

The flowers are gorgeous there. And they're gorgeous here when I first plant them. But in later years, they don't seem quite as pretty as they did in the Florida gardens.

Is there something wrong with my soil? I water every three days, as you recommend. - David

Dear David: It has been my experience that all daylilies like high humidity and warm nights.

Hot daytime highs are not helpful. Consistent warmth at night and consistently high humidity make daylilies grown along the Gulf Coast and in Florida larger and more ruffled, with more intense colors in the melons and melon-polychromes, less thrips damage and better branching and bud count.

Many of the Stamile, Munson and Salter greenish polychromes are greenish only in such areas.

They're muddier farther north. The greenish glow that comes out of the throat of 'Kate Carpenter,' for example, doesn't exist here in the Sandhills. It just has an ordinary green throat.

Many of the most intensely ruffled and edged daylilies in Florida will have only moderate edges and ruffling in climates where nights frequently drop into the 40s while the scapes and buds are developing.

In desert climates where nights are cool and humidity is low, scapes can fail to develop properly, branching is poor, bud count is low, ruffles may be practically nonexistent, and very few daylilies open flat consistently. Flower size may average a third smaller.

The daylily is almost all water. Water evaporates quickly through stomata in low humidity. Stomata are tiny openings in leaves and stems that let the plant take in carbon dioxide and emit water vapor. The flower becomes dried out. Petals will curl inward on many lavenders as the flower tries to reduce exposed surface area to conserve moisture.

The main culprit with cool nights is the cool soil that results.

When soil is cool and daytime temperatures are high, plants cannot take up enough moisture to fill the developing flower. Flowers go soft. They flop, curl, wilt and develop poorly.

In our region, and in much of the country, spring brings a succession of large high-pressure systems. When a garden is sitting under one of these highs, the air is quite dry. The lows can be in the 50s, or even 40s. The highs can soar into the 80s and 90s. In such conditions, daylilies look seriously ugly.

The presence of the warm Gulf and the moderating Atlantic protect Florida and Gulf Coast growers from such miseries.

There is a bright side for the rest of us, however. Some flowers still look reasonably good despite cool nights and dry temperatures.

Many daylilies bred in Florida are the absolute best daylilies I've seen for looking good after a cold night. An example is Bill Munson's 'Betty Warren Woods.' This round-formed yellow also resists low humidity and has good ruffling in many climates.

Send your questions, comments and complaints to roger@mercergarden.com or call Roger Mercer at 424-4756. You may write Roger Mercer, 6215 Maude St., Fayetteville, NC 28306. Please include your telephone number.

SUNSHINE REPORT

Jim❖

NOVEMBER HOST/HOUSTESS -

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 so much!



DECEMBER HOST/HOUSTESS -

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Turkey & Dressing by Douglas Howie, sides by Rich Miller, Esther Strawn, Tom & Diane Bevel, Rebecca Reed, Jane Denton, Bob & Mary Ledebouer, Nickie & Eddie Knight, Vernon Wallis, Sharon Bartlett, and Cathy Koogler.

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens
Time 7:00 PM, December 15th 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
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