



THE GARDEN GATE

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JOHN'S JOTTINGS

The January meeting went very well. Our guest speaker brought her husband as a guest –Welcome Mr. Ford! The attendance was good in spite of the frigid wind and moisture in the air. It may have been cold outside, but the fellowship was warm and pleasant inside, and the food was fantastic.

I am excited about the plans that Susan and Dee Dee have developed for our Show this June. The Theme is Daylilies-Fireworks of the Garden. They have designed a program that has a job for each of us and a schedule for each aspect. Please get with Susan to volunteer to take an important part in the show.

The Menu for next month will be Italian.

Both AHS and NTDS dues are due. Please

get this in as soon as possible. I don't like to hear Jim remind us that he has to delete names from the list for non-payment of dues. Please get the dues in ASAP.

The program this month was interesting. We learned what a photography judge looks for in a picture. We were shown how to make pictures that are more likely to win. Mrs. Rachel Baker Ford, Thank you for a great program.

The program next month should also be very interesting. Ms. Cynthia Koogler is to explain succulents. I think that involves cacti, etc. I once had a personal encounter with a Prickly Pear plant. Thus, I am looking forward to this program.

I have been asked about when will be the out-door sale at the Botanic Garden. It is April 7 Thursday, (pre-sale) 4 to 9 PM; April 8 Friday, 2 to 6 PM; and April 9 Saturday, 9 AM to 2 PM. Please let me know when you will be able to help out. Moreover, his will require us to tag the plants for the sale sometime between April 2nd and 6th. Please, let me know when you can help with this also. Additionally, we will need some more plants for this sale. Let's all look and see what we can do.

See you February 18, 2016 at 7:30 PM or earlier.

John ❖

Program

Cynthia Koogler has been surrounded by plants and nature for all of her life and

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naturally began working at her hometown nursery, Mansfield Nursery, at the age of 17. After being inspired by the joy of what plants and nature can bring, she began her coursework at Tarleton State University, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Horticulture Business in August 2012 making this her lifetime career.

Cynthia previously worked at North Haven Gardens specializing in custom containers and terrariums. After leaving North Haven Gardens, Cynthia began working at the Dallas Arboretum as a Horticultural Supervisor. At the Arboretum she maintained the Paseo De Flores, an annual color garden with over 80 seasonal containers and other seasonal events such as the Fall at the Arboretum. In November 2014, Cynthia took the entrepreneurial leap and left the Dallas Arboretum in order to focus on Flower Child Plants.

Janet❖

Secretary's report

John Turrentine called the meeting to order at 7:03

1. Welcomed the guest, Chuck Ford, who came with the speaker for the evening.
2. Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's Reports approved as printed.
3. Sunshine report
 - a. Mike lost his 6 year old grandson the day after Christmas. ←
4. Signup sheet for food for the next meeting – Italian theme.
5. Communications
 - a. None mentioned.
6. Old Business
 - a. Dues need to be paid (\$15/person, \$20/pair).
 - b. AHS dues also need to be renewed
- c. Drawing for AHS membership. Pat Engel won.
7. New Business
 - a. Report on programs for the year. Subjects will be succulents, rainwater harvesting, beneficial mycorrhizal fungi, and then grooming takes the club to June.
 - b. Show plan report. Drafts of the program were on every table and a signup sheet for the various coordinators positions circulated. Suggestions welcome.

c. Board recommends the recycling of the Budget.

LAST YEAR'S PROPOSED BUDGET:

Newsletter	\$200
Rental	\$700
Office Supplies	\$300
Programs	\$3000
Region 6 Contributions	\$625
Society Dues	\$75
Show expense	\$2000
Fall Sale	\$3000
Outside sales	\$600
Misc.	\$1500
Refreshments	\$600
Trips/picnic	\$2000
Total budget	\$14,600

Membership accepted the budget and motioned to double the outside sales amount. Budget approved with changes.

Issues about trips in the spring, where to obtain plants for the fall sale, and continuing the drawing for AHS memberships were not discussed and can be handled in a later meeting.

d. Research needed to make a donation to the disaster relief for the tornado victims in Garland, Rowlett, etc. Jim made a motion to make a donation. Discussion followed. A committee was appointed to do the research on where to give. Jim will send an email to membership regarding the amount.

e. Drawings for 6 prizes.

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 for members to enjoy crockpot meals and other food and the speaker, Rachel Baker Ford.

22 members and 1 guest were present.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan❖

Disaster donation from NTDS

At January's meeting, it was proposed that the club give \$1000 to the victims of the tornadoes in the

eastern metroplex. A committee of Margaret Cline, Cathy Koogler, and myself were appointed to recommend suitable charities. I sent an email to that effect to all members. While almost all responding agreed with the donation, there was some issue taken with the animal rescue portion.

However, there were a few objections to the entire idea so we are deferring any action until it can be discussed, and voted on **again** at the February meeting.

Jim❖

Treasurer's perspective: North Texas Daylily Society contribution to tornado victims

I understand the wish to help our neighbors after a devastating storm. I would like to encourage others to contribute to whichever charitable organization they feel strongly about.

However, I cannot support the motion to give \$1000. This is out of the scope of our organization.

From the By-laws, Article III Purpose,
"The purpose of THE SOCIETY shall be to promote an interest in the culture and improvement of daylilies. To stage an annual exhibition of specimens, and to cooperate with other local, regional, and national societies with similar purposes."

Our current budget for 2016 is: \$ 14,600.

Our checking account has \$ 12,752.86.

Our savings account contains money reserved for hosting a regional meeting. This money is used for deposits/payments to vendors which must be paid in advance of the regional meeting which is substantial.

I know each year in December we give a nominal donation to a charitable organization by tradition. We gave \$100 to the American Cancer Society in 2015. I feel that this is the only donation out of our scope we should make as a club.

Please consider our scope, the amount in our checking account, and our budget for 2016 before voting on this issue.

My vote is NO.

Janet❖

Having Gardening Fun When it's Cold Outside

You know the song: "But baby, it's cold outside!" Now's a wonderful time to pour a cup of hot tea or coffee, get warm and comfortable, as you read through some wonderful seed and plant catalogues. These inspire me to plan and imagine a new Spring gardening season. I get many catalogues now but these are my favorites, both for their products and descriptions of plants.

[Spring Hill Nursery](#)

513-354-1509

They specialize in special perennials.

[Gurney's Seed and Nursery](#)

Company Order online at Gurney's.com

513-354-1491

They research farm test trials in the same types of environments as we have here. Enjoy beautiful peppers, asparagus and corn! I ordered peppers and tomato seeds and they emailed every stage of the delivery process.

[Burpee Seeds and Plants](#) - Home Garden,
Vegetable Seeds, Annual Flowers

1-800-888-1447

This is the most beautiful catalog, always gorgeous and dependable! I can't look through their catalog and NOT order "something!"

I don't think winter is over, just because of the warmer weather now. I have been through a bad ice event once after planting hundreds of annuals. When? APRIL 1st!

So until we get there, cozy up to some free catalogues and then you can pass them on to friends.

Dee Dee❖

SUNSHINE REPORT

Jim❖

JANUARY HOST/HOESSESS -

STEWES, SOUPS, CHILI

Margaret Cline, Ken & Linda Long, Vernon Wallis, Rich Miller,
Cathy Koogler, Nickie Knight, Tom & Diane Bevel, Janet
Howie, Merita Knapp, Pat Mayhan, and Susan Austin



FEBRUARY HOST/HOESSESS -

ITALIAN

Kathy Koogler, Margaret Cline, Ester Strawn, Kristi Kolpanen,
Connie Taylor, Susan Austin, Sally Lloyd, Linda Long, Dee
Dee Thompson, Vernon Wallis, and Joyce Valdez

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens

Time 7:30 PM, February 18th 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-Jun, Oct-Nov

Shows n Sales

AHS Regionals

Reg6 --- 2016 - TBA

Reg11 - 2016 - TBA

Reg13 - 2016 - TBA

AHS

June 29-July 2, 2016 - Louisville, KY

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