



THE GARDEN GATE

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JOHN'S JOTTINGS

The attendance was very good. I am always glad to see everyone present. We had two guests in addition to our guest speaker. Folks, "Ya'll come back now!" The food was different, simple and filling. Thank you to all who brought the food. David Steinbrunner presented a fine program on Fungi in the soil. Thank you. The menu for next month will be "pot-luck." If you did not sign-up to bring something, please send a note to Sharon Bartlett. The report on the Out-door sale was given. We still have a number of plants that need to be sold. Vernon has already taken over fifty (50) plants to pot-up for the fall sale. Several people have been kind and ordered several. THANK YOU.

The Fall Sale was brought up. We have elected a committee of Five to order, process and present the sale this Fall. At first, I was about to accept the comment that perhaps we should not have the sale, then Ken stood-up and volunteered to take on this challenge. If you have any ideas about the sale, please forward them to Ken. By-the-way, Tom Bevel, Cathy Koogler, Gail Williams, and Jose are also on this committee. Let's all help them to make it a great sale.

The Next meeting will concern getting things ready for the Show.

The Summer Picnic was discussed. Ken and Linda are inviting us to go out to their place again June 11, 2016. The same menu is planned. The club will buy the meat and we will bring the extras. More information will follow about this as it develops.

We will have the show room on Friday from 1PM to 4PM, but we should be out of it by 3PM if at all possible. I Plan on getting the materials about noon and having them at the BG about 12:30PM. YES!! We will need all the help we can get to get this ready to go.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at the next meeting: May 19 at 7:30 or earlier. Let's make this a great meeting also.

John ❖

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Program

Long time member and hybridizer Nickie Knight will be giving her talk on how to groom the scapes for the show. If you have never considered showing, Nickie can show you how to prepare a scape for judging easily.

Janet❖

Secretary's report

John Turrentine called the meeting to order at 7:30

1. Welcomed the guests Rebecca & Tucker Reed and David & Teresa Steinbrunner, the speakers for the evening.

2. Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's Reports approved as printed.

3. Sunshine report

1. Margaret Cline is in Baton Rouge, La. to welcome her 5th grandson.
2. Esther is back from being in the hospital for her back.

4. Signup sheet for food for the next meeting – potluck theme.

5. Communications

1. None

6. Old Business

1. show report – setup on Friday 2-4 to beat concerts in the garden. Let Dallas people know.
2. Report on Outdoor sale - goal was \$3000.00 in sales.

Total sales	\$2058.00
BGS 20%	411.60
NET	1646.40
Cost of goods	1200.00
Increase in funds	\$446.40

PRE-SALE/Faggard auction \$121.00

Tagging sales/Aprox \$100.00

ONLY \$731.00 to the goal, over \$1,000.00 inventory left.

3. List of leftover plants that NEED a new home asap.

7. New Business

1. Motion made to elect a committee of 4 to handle the Fall Sale, or sales.

Members of the committee to select a source, receive and process plants, manage the sale itself. Members volunteered to bring 5 plants each. Ken, Tom, Jose, Kathy, Lee will make up the committee.

2. Picnic – voted to go to Ken & Linda's, June 11th, same menu.
3. Drawing for 7 door prizes

Adjourned for food and the speakers at 7:56. 32 members and 4 guests were present. Respectfully submitted,

Susan❖

Got it! / Want it!

Time to remind folks, if you have too much of something or want something, send a note to Newsletter and Jim will list.

thanks.

Vernon❖

Finding the Fun at a Flower Show

A few weeks ago I was scrolling through the internet in search of tips for winning at a Daylily show. A man did a video filming in his backyard in a southern town. He said that when he showed his flowers for the very first time he won three blue ribbons! He was ecstatic and surprised and he wanted to share the news with someone who was standing nearby. He told a lady his good news, and her reply was "SO?" The point he made in his video is a good one. He said the fun at a show should be happy, celebrating everyone and their individual wins, or not. And just have fun. I liked this idea.

At our last show, someone pointed out that there were aphids on a daylily, someone else noticed an ant or two. Guess what? They were my daylilies! I could have been embarrassed because I am totally organic and don't spray for insects, but instead I laughed. I saw the humor. My flowers are not perfect and that's what makes them special to me. I may win a blue ribbon this time, but then again I may not. But this I do know-I truly love being around all our daylily members and hope to enjoy the hours we are all together and let the humor take us far!

Please join all of us on June 4th. We'll have smiles, fun and of course good food!

Dee Dee❖

Christmas is when?

<http://tinyurl.com/jtzzsw>

R. Stephanie Bruno | Special to The New Orleans Advocate

March 14, 2016; 3:00 p.m.

You don't need a Ph.D. in microbiology to crossbreed your favorite flowers, but it sure doesn't hurt to have a basic understating of plant science.

So says Henry Bradford, who does hold such a Ph.D. and took up hybridizing daylilies with his wife, Patty, about 10 years ago.

"Before then, I was interested in camellias, and we have about 300 bushes on our land," Bradford said.

"But I got hooked on daylilies when our good friends, Elaine and Jim Smelley, invited Patty and me to go with them to a daylily conference in Alexandria one year. Ever since then, we've been growing and hybridizing daylilies and the camellias have sort of lost their luster for me."

In the simplest terms, to hybridize means to mix the genetic material of one variety of plant or animal with the genetic material of another, yielding a new variety.

With daylilies, the process can be as simple as gently touching the pollen-loaded anther (male part) of one parent to the pistil (female part) of the second parent.

Ideally, says Bradford, the pollen will then travel to the flower's ovary to fertilize it and yield a seed pod. Seeds are then harvested and planted in trays, until the seedlings are ready to be planted in the ground.



"I'd guess that about 60 percent of the time, the cross-pollination works," said Bradford.

By now, the couple has about 700 named varieties on their 3-acre property on the North Shore just

outside of Covington. From those named varieties, they have created 10,000 of their own seedlings. What makes the process so rewarding, according to Bradford, is the mental exercise of choosing traits to hybridize for.

"Some daylilies have (markings called) eyes that you might want to hybridize for. Others have large ruffles, or teeth. Then, there is color," he said. "You always want to cross reds to reds or purples to purples but not reds to whites because that will decrease the intensity of the flower color."

The Bradfords spend about two to four hours a day outside in the garden during the flowering season, caring for and cross-breeding daylilies.

"We usually finish by around 11 because the flowers dry out when it starts to heat up, and you need the moisture in them to carry the pollen down the pistil to the ovary," Bradford explained.

In the off season, Bradford says there is still plenty to do, including planting seeds and seedlings, discarding old plants and seedlings they don't want to keep, treating for rust, and getting the flower beds ready for the next season.

Although both Henry and Patty Bradford revel in the hybridization work, they are attracted to different challenges.

"My favorites are bold colors — the reds, purples, oranges. But my wife likes paler colors, so she works with the pastels. She also breeds for eye patterns," Bradford explained. "I work with both tetraploid and diploid types of daylilies, but she only works with the tetraploid because of the bigger flowers."

At the Bradford property, thousands of daylilies are planted in the ground but not according to color.

"That means that from late April to July, there's a real kaleidoscope of color outside," Bradford said.

So what is it about hybridizing daylilies that feels like Christmas to Bradford?

"Every morning is a wonderful surprise when you run out to the garden to see what your plants have done overnight," he said. "I want to try to interest gardeners in hybridizing and to encourage them to do it, so that when their own seedlings bloom, it's like Christmas morning for them every day, too."

SUNSHINE REPORT

Jim❖

APRIL HOST/HOUSTESS -

MEXICAN

SANDWICHES & SALADS

Tom and Diane Bevel, Dee Dee Thompson, Vernon Wallis,
Nickie Knight, Margaret Cline, Sharon Bartlett, Joyce Valdez

Thanks so much!



MAY HOST/HOUSTESS -

POT LUCK

Vernon Wallis, Joyce Valdez, Rosa Sandoval, Ester Strawn,
Cathy Koogler, Gail Williams, Joan Schmidt, Pat Engel,
Edwardo Campista, Nickie Knight, Linda ???, Dee Dee
Thompson, Lee & Jerry Gibson, Susan Austin, Janet von
Kohn, Margaret Cline, and John Turrentine

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens

Time 7:30 PM, May 19th 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

Combined NTDS / DGD show, June 4th,
9-3pm.

AHS Regionals

Reg6 --- 2016 - TBA

Reg11 - June 24-26 in Wichita, Kansas

Reg13 - May 20-21 in Dothan, Alabama.

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**

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NTDS VP Membership,
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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