



# THE GARDEN GATE

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## JOHN'S JOTTINGS

The much welcome rain and cooler weather may have kept several of us at home, but the meeting was well attended. The food was very good. THANK YOU to all who prepared and brought all of that good eating. I enjoyed more of the cherry cake than I should have.

The **Fall Sale** will be September 24, 2016. Ken is managing the Fall sale this year. If you have plants or daylilies to share with the sale, please get with Ken. He has a good plan set-up. However, I noticed that there are several blank or short filled areas in the plan. Since you are going to help with the sale, let Ken know what you are ready to do. He has set September 22 as the day for the tagging party at his place. Get with Ken to let him know that you are going to help with this. Let's all do what we can to make this as great

a sale as we can.

I am excited that we have set **the show** for next Spring in motion. We decided that this show will be accredited by the AHS. Our Show Chairman, Tom Bevel, now has a few extra months to secure the Judges and make the arrangements as needed. We are also planning to invite the Dallas Daylily Growers and the Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society to participate in this exciting program. I have no doubt that Tom will have the first stages of the plan ready very soon.

**Karol Emmerich** will present her daylily program during the September meeting. She will be bringing several of her plants to auction. Janet Von Kahn has volunteered Kieth to do the auctioning. We are also inviting the Dallas Daylily Growers and the Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society to join us for this program.

The menu for the September meeting is ITALIAN. Please notify Sharon as to what you are bringing.

Because of the Guest Speaker, our invited guest, and the auction, it would be great for us to start the meeting at 7:00PM. I am looking forward to seeing each of you

John ❖

## Secretary's report

John Turrentine called the meeting to order at 7:40.

Welcomed our speaker, guest, Joy Williams, and newer members Tucker & Rebecca Reed.

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

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## Sunshine report

Keep Mike Thompson in your thoughts & prayers. Send emails & cards, but no calls, please.

Signup sheet for food for Sept meeting – Italian will be the theme

## Communications

We had a nice thank you note from Jennifer Renner, who was one of our show judges

## Old Business

Popularity poll due

Report on spring show – Susan Austin

Report on buying plants for the fall sale – Ken Long. \$1000 worth of plants from Maryott. Bring finger food for the sale. Tagging party on the 22<sup>nd</sup> if plants are all here. Signup sheet for sale volunteers to go around.

## New Business

Show plan for next spring was discussed

- Do we want to have a daylily show next spring? Yes
- Do we want it accredited or an education show? Motion made & passed for an accredited show.
- Do we want to invite Dallas Daylily Growers to join us? Yes
- Would we like to invite the Johnson County group to join with us? Yes
- Who do we want to serve as show chair? Tom Bevel volunteered to chair.

Janet Von Kohn wants to know if we want Karol Emmerich to send plants to auction for the September meeting. Suggested spending \$300, but could do less. She has volunteered Keith to do the auctioning. Let her know what you think so she can be prepared to ship the plants to me the week prior. Motion made to order \$400 worth of plants. Her expenses for the trip total \$407.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 for food and speaker Rachel Richter Urban who spoke about bats.

25 members and 1 guest were present.

**Susan**❖

## Program

Our speaker in August is hybridizer Karol Emmerich of [www.springwoodgardens.com](http://www.springwoodgardens.com). Of interest is how one hybridizes in rural (zone 4) Minnesota? Well, one solution is a rather large greenhouse. Karol will bring

some plants for us to auction. Several members grow her plants with good results.



**Janet**❖

## It's easy to love daylilies so much you want to produce your own

By Tom Atwell - <http://tinyurl.com/jxexqoo>

Daylilies can be addictive.

It starts simply enough. You want a plant that is hardy enough to stand up to Maine winters, will bloom for at least a few weeks each summer, has few pests, comes in many colors and is generally low maintenance. You buy one daylily, like it and then buy another. And another.

It's an easy plant to hybridize, so you venture into that part of gardening. Your collection of daylilies keeps growing.

Gary Wnek of Cape Elizabeth has 715 different daylily varieties growing on his half-acre property. And that's not even counting the seedlings he has coming along. He said his hobby began in 2001 when his wife became ill (she's doing well now).

"I thought I'd stay by the house instead of playing golf all the time," he recalled, "so I ordered a deal from White Flower Farm that was 50 daylilies for \$50."

After he planted those, he read about hybridizing and attempted that. Eighteen of his hybrids are now registered with the American Hemerocallis Society; you can find them at [daylilies.org](http://daylilies.org).

He does not sell any of his daylilies, and no catalogs have offered them for sale; he has given a few away, though.

Lisa and Paul Bourret of West Newfield also started growing daylilies as a hobby. By and large, they still treat it that way. They have 1,600 varieties on their property, which they call Rockhaven Daylilies, and usually open up a few weeks each summer to sell plants. This year, they won't because they are heavily involved in the New England Daylily Society regional weekend being held nearby in New Hampshire.

"We'll still be happy to have people come by and look, take pictures or paint, but we aren't going to be selling," Lisa Bourret said.

She said her husband, Paul, does the hybridizing and has developed many varieties that he likes, but he has yet to register any of them with the American Hemerocallis Society.

Now that you have been warned that daylilies can be addictive, I'll tell you how to get started.

They aren't fussy about soil, although it would be tough to grow them in pure clay. Much of the Bourrets' property is wet, so they grow a lot of their daylilies in raised beds. To produce the best blossoms, daylilies like to have a reasonable amount of rainfall, but they will survive drought. A light feeding of fertilizer in the spring is sufficient.

The Bourrets prefer to buy locally because locally grown daylilies are likely to be hardy enough for Maine – and there are many specialty daylily growers in Maine.

Wnek often buys from online catalogs, where a newly introduced daylily can cost \$125 or more, he said. Be patient, wait a few years, and the price for the same daylily will drop to about \$30. Common varieties sell for just a few dollars.

Often, though, you can get free daylilies. The plants spread quickly and have to be dug and divided – which can be done in spring or early summer, although it is usually recommended to divide them after the plants are done blooming for the season.

To dig and divide, dig up the plant with a shovel or spading fork. Put the tool deeply into the soil about 6 inches away from the plant, and push back and down on the handle. After you have gone all around the daylily, the entire plant will pop out of the soil.

Once it is out of the ground, separate the long, fibrous roots with a garden fork or by hand – although the plant will survive if you cut the entire root system in half with a shovel. I know, because I did it many times early in my gardening career before I read about the proper way to do it.

If you decide to ignore my warning about how addictive daylilies can be and you want to create your own hybrids, it is easy if you are organized.

"They do hybridize by themselves – the bees and bugs do it," Wnek said.

But you'll want to know who the parents are and keep track of the lineage. So pollinate them yourself.

Each daylily has six stamens, which produce pollen, and one pistil. Daylily blossoms last only one day – even though plants can continue blossoming for several weeks. Once the pollen has become fluffy and dry, usually about mid-morning, you take the pollen from the stamens on one plant and put it on the pistil of another plant.

Wnek takes pictures and does a voice recording whenever he hybridizes, and later makes a computerized record of it.

You let the blossom of the daylily go past prime and drop off on its own. The pod that is left will then continue to grow, and at the end of the season you can harvest the pods, open them and save the seeds.

Wnek stores the seeds in small plastic bags, and plants them in the spring. Sometimes he plants them indoors under fluorescent lights, but they grow better in full outdoor light.

He then picks the plants he likes best to keep growing in future years. First he looks for scapes – the daylily stems that hold the flowers – that grow well above the leaves so they are visible. He wants several scapes on each plant, and many blossoms on each scape.

Lisa Bourret said that while daylilies look good from a distance, you have to get up close to truly appreciate them.

"That's when you see the ruffles, the sculpted edges, the toothy edges and the different forms," she said. "They are truly wonderful."

**So get up close and personal with some daylilies this summer – and just maybe give in to the temptation of hybridizing a few.**

# SUNSHINE REPORT

Our thoughts and prayers are with E J on the passing of Rick Lee on the 4<sup>th</sup>. More information when E J finalized his Celebration of his Life service.

Jim❖

## AUGUST HOST/HOESSESS –

### MEXICAN

Margaret Cline, Ester Strawn, Gail Williams, Vernon Wallis, Joyce Valdez, Linda Long, Nickie Knight, Janet Howie, Lee Gibson, Susan Austin, Rebecca Reed, and Bob & Mary Ledeboer

*Thanks so much!*



## SEPTEMBER HOST/HOESSESS –

### ITALIAN

Cathy Koogler, Ester Strawn, Shirlene Holt, Joyce Valdez, Vernon Wallis, Janet von Kohn, Connie Taylor, Grenetta Bledsoe, Tom & Diane Bevel, Linda Long, Nickie Knight, Susan Austin, Rebecca & Tucker Reed, Sharon Bartlett, and Margaret Cline

*Thanks!*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens**  
Time 7:00 PM, September 15<sup>th</sup> 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**  
Annual NTDS Plant sale – FWBG  
Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 9am-5pm

FWBG Fall sale, Thursday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup> –  
Members' Only – 4:00pm-dusk (6:30-7ish).  
Friday, 2:00pm-6:00pm.  
Saturday, 9:00am-2:00pm

**AHS Regionals**  
Reg6 --- 2016 – TBA  
Reg11 – June 24-26 in Wichita, Kansas  
Reg13 – May 20-21 in Dothan, Alabama.

**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) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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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

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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](http://NorthTexasDaylilySociety.org), we have the alias [NorthTexasDaylilySociety.com](http://NorthTexasDaylilySociety.com). Please note that the Newsletter address has changed on previous pages.

The 'I have a problem/question' address is [admin@northtexasdaylilysociety.org](mailto:admin@northtexasdaylilysociety.org).

My club address is [Jim.Bartlett@northtexasdaylilysociety.org](mailto:Jim.Bartlett@northtexasdaylilysociety.org) while my normal email continues to be [G236007@gmail.com](mailto: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