



THE GARDEN GATE

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JOHN'S JOTTINGS

The February meeting went very well. The 2015 budget was presented and approved. We decided to have a drawing every month to award a NTDS member with a Membership in the AHS. As of now about 60% of our members are also AHS members. You must be present to win. If you are already an AHS member, you will have the choice of passing, or, giving the membership to another member who is present. The two goals of this are to encourage attendance and to encourage AHS membership.

We voted to participate in the Out-Door Botanic Garden Spring sale. We have received an offer to supply us with plants for the sale. Susan, Ken, Doug, Vernon, and I are looking this list over to select what

we want to sell. I have the list available for you, if you want to look at it and make request, please do so. Unless, we have a large number of donated plants from members, this will NOT be a sale to make money. We will engage in this activity to promote the growing of Daylilies, educate people about Daylilies, and of course recruit new members.

Vernon presented his preliminary findings on the "bus trip" to see the Carpenter farm in east Texas. He needs to know how many are interested in going on this outing. Please let us know if you would like to go on this trip.

The Dinner was super great. The food was extremely good. And it disappeared off of the table very quickly. Thank you to each one who worked so hard to prepare the wonderful food.

Hooker Nichols presented a very informative program on Louisiana and Bearded Iris. Questions were asked and answered. Thank you for the great program.

Our March speaker will be Trip Smith who is over the Conservation Greenhouse at the Botanic Garden (poinsettias, greenery, orchid collection, etc.). Sally Lloyd volunteers there and says he is very interesting. He will be speaking on vegetable gardening. He used to grow and sell tomatoes commercially. He will answer questions about other topics also and on the phone he sounds like he should be very entertaining.

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See you Thursday, March 19, 2015, at **7:00 PM** (or before) for the meeting.

About the Spring sale

The Board Members received the list from the suggestion committee. Then, The Board had a discussion by phone or Email. The conclusion was, "EVERYBODY WANTS EVERY ONE OF THEM for the sale." I called Mrs. Winters and asked, "What would you sell the entire list to us for?" She has offered to sell us the entire list for \$750.00. That is all 342 double fan divisions, bringing our cost to about \$2.19 per double fan division. The membership price will be \$5.00 per division, which includes postage, handling, etc, etc. AT THE outdoor sale, we will sell each division for a minimum of \$6.00. ALL Donated plants will priced by the donor.

The Next Step was to get a place to send the plants where we can meet to tag them for the sale. Both Ken and Dee Dee had offered to welcome the tagging "party." at their place. Ken and Dee Dee "fought it out" and Dee Dee won. The Tagging Party will be AT Ken and Linda's place. That is where the plants will be sent.

We requested that the plants to get there Friday the 3rd or Monday the 6th. Thus, the Tagging "Party" would either be Saturday the 4th or Tuesday the 7th. I understand that Mrs. Winters is planning to get them here before the 3rd.

Two (2) possible "lunch" plans have been suggested. (1) One is that we bring picnic lunch "stuff." & (2) there is a place to eat out near-by that we might choose to go to. Please let Ken and Linda know your wishes..

I was asked, "if Dee Dee won, why is the party is at Ken's?????" Then she volunteered, "If they go with barbeque stuff, I volunteer to take a pot of pulled pork which I will provide, and everyone else can bring the accessories."

John❖

Secretary's report

NTDS Minutes: 2/19/15

John Turrentine called the meeting to order at 7:29

1. Welcomed the one guest
2. Secretary and Treasurer reports were approved as printed
3. Sunshine report – Nickie is doing fine after her cataract surgery
4. Communications - none

5. Old business

- Budget proposal was approved as written
- AHS Membership drawings were approved to be drawn for each meeting
- Spring sale – approved. Will buy about \$500 worth of daylilies from Belinda Winters of E & B Farms
- Orchid sale - decided to ignore the sale

6. New Business

- Report on trip planning – tabled until next time

7. Programs planned – good through May. Trying to get more hybridizers in the fall

8. Food list for next month - potluck

9. Dues are past due

Meeting adjourned at 8:02.

26 members and one guest were present.

AHS Newsletter

You might be interested in the 'Daylily E-News - An Electronic Newsletter from the AHS'. Access at <http://www.daylilies.org/ENews.html> – click on Subscribe to view the various email lists or special interest (e.g. Daylily Hybridizers or General Gardening) groups.

Susan❖

Program

I know we all love our daylilies but I also know we all love to eat ! So our program this month will be about vegetable gardening. Our speaker will be Trip Smith who is over the Conservation Greenhouse at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. In a former life he grew tomatoes commercially. Trip was recommended by a member of NTDS who volunteers in his greenhouse. He sounds both interesting and entertaining and says we can ask him questions on plants other than vegetables.

All those beautiful orchids and unusual plants we see on the reception desk of the Garden Center come from his greenhouse.

We need to start at **7:00** for Trip's benefit.

Linda❖

Region 6 - News

Eddie Raye Andrews, 2015 Region 6 Meeting Registrar, has notified me that the maximum number of Meeting Registrations - 125 - has been met.

However, she is still accepting applications (minus the check).

When an opening is available, the next individual on the list will be notified.

http://www.ahsregion6.org/regional_meeting.htm

I have posted the 2015 Region 6 Meeting Schedule on the Region 6 website at the following location.

http://www.ahsregion6.org/regional_meeting.htm

Ray Houston

Region 6 Webmaster

Ray Houston❖

Specialist Grower of the Year

<http://tinyurl.com/og7I927> 2 March 2015



Winner: Paul Harris, hosta and hemerocallis specialist

Hosta and hemerocallis grower Paul Harris is proof that success happens when you decide to "go for it" and follow your dreams. Like many people who work in horticulture, his love of plants started when he worked with his grandfather on his allotment.

These happy memories stayed with him and so, in 2008, Paul decided to give up his former career inspecting flowers for supermarkets and pursue the lifestyle he craved. He set up Kent-based Brookfield Plants and started off by growing just a couple of different varieties.

Seven years later, his day lily nursery is now home to a myriad of different hostas and hemerocallis.

Last year was his most successful season yet as Brookfield Plants exhibited at 12 shows, including the RHS Chelsea Flower Show and RHS Hampton Court Palace Show — and was awarded 10 gold medals.

While exhibiting at Chelsea, Paul launched on behalf of the British Hosta & Hemerocallis Society (BHHS) a hosta named after Scottish tennis champion Andy Murray. The launch enjoyed strong media coverage as the plant was presented to Murray's fiancée to be Kim Sears (inset picture). The plant was an ideal choice because its blue and white leaves are the colour of the Scottish saltire.

Paul, a BHHS committee member, enjoys trialling, collecting and introducing new varieties to the UK market

— so much so that he has been provisionally accepted as a National Collection Holder. This year, a range of new hostas and hemerocallis will be available in small numbers from his nursery, including Church Mouse — a small, hardy plant with blue leaves and mauve flowers — and Emerald Charger, which has large, shiny, yellow-centred leaves and white, scented flowers.

News article❖

Seize the daylily!

<http://tinyurl.com/mq4r24y>

The gardening catalogs have started arriving in the mail, which makes this the best time to order plants to be sure of getting your first choices before they sell out.

I'm finding myself intrigued by the vast assortment of daylilies available — one commercial daylily company grows more than three thousand varieties!

When you buy daylily plants, you'll see that most tags say "full to part shade" for light requirements. However, I just read that light yellow, pink, and other pastel colors do best in full sun — a minimum of six hours of direct sun per day. It's the dark colors, such as red and purple, that do best in partial shade, because their dark hues absorb the heat, and the flowers do not withstand the sun as well as their lighter cousins.

When your daylily root mass arrives, to determine how deep to plant it, look for the band of white at the base of the foliage. Setting the crown more than one inch below the surface of the soil can cause crown root rot.

As for care, the disease "daylily rust," found in China, Taiwan, Korea, Japan, and Russia, has recently arrived in the United States. Discovered in 2000, it affects daylilies in zone 7 and warmer. Plant owners should remove all daylily foliage and do not allow it to overwinter. Rust can survive on teliospores — winter spores that are airborne and easily spread, find a host on a *Patrina* plant, and then transfer back to your daylilies.

Patrina is not commonly grown, but why take a chance? When you buy daylilies, rust disease might not be visible, but keep an eye out for yellow/orange powdery spots on your daylilies' leaves. Ways of preventing and treating rust are still being worked on.

Here's one last fact about daylilies you might not know: they are not really lilies. They are part of the plant family Hemerocallidaceae, and not Liliaceae.

Lois Barber writes and takes photographs for a weekly gardening column for the Republican-American newspaper in Waterbury, CT.

Lois Barber❖

SUNSHINE REPORT

Jim❖

FEBRUARY HOST/HOUSTESS – MEXICAN

Margaret Cline, Deby Hill, Peggy Skinner, Nickie Knight,
Linda Long, Dee Dee Thompson, Amy Barnett, Sally Lloyd,
Susan Austin, Janet Howie and Sharon Bartlett

Thanks!

MARCH HOST/HOUSTESS – POT LUCK

Janet von Kohn, Susan Austin, Shirlene Holt, Cathy Koogler,
Margaret Cline, Tom & Diane Bevel, Ester Strawn, Vernon
Wallis, Linda Long, Dee Dee Thompson, and Sharon Bartlett

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens
Time 7:00 PM, March 19th 2015

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 Region 6

May 14-16, 2015, Hilton Garden Inn,
Houston/Pearland Tx

AHS

June 10-14, 2015 – Atlanta, GA
June 29-July 2, 2016 - Louisville, KY
June 21-24 , 2017 - Norfolk, Virginia.

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Early Start, 7 PM, March 19th

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 **Gene Holt**
NTDS VP Membership,
300 Oak Lane,
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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