



THE GARDEN GATE

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JOHN'S JOTTINGS

This has been a super year. We had a great show and a greater Silver Anniversary celebration. The Sale would have been better, if the weather was not so threatening that day. The Bingo and Christmas meetings were ones that should not have been missed. Yes, we lost a few people that we will all miss, but all in all it was a super year.

The board has proposed a budget that needs our attention. Looking at it I feel awkward. It is not as balanced as I would like to see it. The Spring Show may become a challenge. We need a director and a direction. The Board will

ask, "Do we really want to have an accredited show?" With the Dallas Regional meeting the next week and a few other issues, it is a factor that needs to be considered. And, what about another plant sale, could it be done?

We will have an interesting Guest speaker Thursday night. Doug McKemie and Sandy Perkins from Athens will present a program that I am looking forward to seeing.

See you Thursday night at 7:00 Pm.

John ❖

Minutes of Board Meeting

On Saturday January 11, 2014, the officers of the NTDS met at the Holt's House.

President Turrentine opened the meeting.

1. The Board reviewed the budget from last year and evaluated the needed changes for this year.

After a thorough discussion the proposed budget was passed for consideration of the full group.

2. The need for the Books to be audited was agreed, and we will get the committee for this in January meeting.

3. Next, the programs for the coming year were discussed. We need input from the membership as to any special interest we

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have for programs. I.e. who do you want to present a program?

4. The show in June was discussed. There is concern about who will direct the show and whether The Society will have an "accredited" show or not. This is to be discussed in the next meeting.

5. The Dallas Group has asked that we sponsor the "Welcome room" at the regional in Dallas this Spring.

We need to know who is going and who would like to work this project.

6. We observed a serious need for some additional income. And a "Spring Daylily Sale" was brought up. Also a possible extra sale in the Fall. This will need attention most promptly in order to get plants, if it is to be a Spring sale.

Margret Cline❖

Program

Our program this month will be a presentation on hybridizing by Doug McKemie / Sandy Perkins of Athens. You may know them since they are members of the East Texas Daylily Club.

We need to have the meeting at 7:00 P.M. so they can get back to Athens Thursday night.

From Sandy: I was born and raised in Dallas, where I lived until 2001 when I moved to Athens. I taught Biology at Sunset High School `67-`83:

I have been growing plants for about 60 years (cactus, orchids, bromeliads, water lilies, etc.) We wanted more space to garden, so we found the 5 acres we are now located at in Athens. We have a licensed nursery and grow Iris and Hemerocallis, sell on the internet and do mail order sales. We have hundreds of named cultivars and maybe 3000 seedlings. I do my own hybridizing, germination, etc. We will have 23 seedlings we have registered for 2014 introductions. Visitors are always welcome. I am a Master Gardener by default (I have killed at least a thousand things).

My presentation covers everything a novice to a professional should need to successfully set pods and germinate seedlings. I show the relevant parts, how to transfer pollen and care for pods as they develop. Rookies will be impressed. Old pro`s will find something to like. Soil preparation is covered fully. We have slides on poor, good and great seedlings. Some slides of future introductions will show the really good ones : maybe 5% of seedlings are good enough to register with AHS. I will also show one picture that has been photoshopped to illustrate that pictures can, and do, lie.

The main thrust of the show is that you cannot imagine the genetic variation that is possible from a cross until the seedlings bloom. Forest Gump said it best with his "You never know what you`re gonna get".

Linda❖

Secretary's report

John Turrentine called the meeting to order at 7:00. No guests or new members were present to welcome. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were approved.

Correspondence: Ron Taylor's number is disconnected, anyone know about him?

Old business:

1. Vernon's patches kept on table

New business:

1. Show chair had carte blanche last year & that worked well. Again? Decision next month.
2. Election of officers – all officers agreed to serve again. Approved.
3. Surprise after the gift exchange.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 & then dinner & the gift exchange.

28 members present.

Susan❖

Amerson Still Needs to Downsize

I have been in and out of hospital again, Nov 29th thru Dec 4th.

This further tells me that I need to downsize. I have a number of my self-published hard-bound books – The CORAL CARRIER – for sale. The price is \$25 hand delivered and \$30 mailed. This historical book is about French Frigate Shoals, one of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. I will have copies at various upcoming garden club meetings. Or send me a check; the address is 13723 Littlecrest Drive, Farmers Branch, TX 75234.

I also have excess furniture and garden pottery and art that I need to sell. Call me (972-798-7578) and come see and make me an offer.

I plan on moving into a Senior Living facility in January.

Binion Amerson❖

Class of 2014: Meet the newest daylily introductions from Solaris Farms

Rob Zimmer, Post-Crescent Media

For gardeners all across Wisconsin, one of the best sources for exclusive, original northern-bred daylilies is Solaris Farms in Reedsville. Visitors to Solaris travel from as far away as Chicago, Madison and Minneapolis, and owner Nate Bremer ships his plants all around the world.

Each year, Bremer introduces a line of newly registered, hardy daylilies that he hybridizes himself to the gardening world. Recently, Bremer's 2014 introductions were announced.

Solaris Farms' introductions have gained a well-deserved reputation as the best daylilies for gardeners in Wisconsin, as well as other northern states.

The plants here are hybridized, bred and raised in unprotected conditions on the farm, meaning they are grown in wide-open farm fields, subjected to all of the elements, with no winter protection whatsoever.

The results are simply breathtaking. Daylilies like none you have ever seen before tower over the sales fields and display gardens at Solaris Farms. Bred specifically for hardiness in our climate as well as thick fans, sturdy scapes and high bud count, Bremer's colorful creations simply cannot be matched.

[full article including VIDEO at <http://tinyurl.com/lzh8974>]

My Favorite Daylily

Jim has asked for us to send him a picture of one of our favorite plants. This is seedling 11-90-A (Big Kiss X Pearl Adams).



She bloomed this year on a scape about 18" tall and it is a 4" and a double bloom. It is a peach color with a red-purple eye zone. What I like is the patterned eye zone. I'm sure there are lots of them out there, but this is the first one that I have noticed in my projects. I will watch it closely and see how it develops.

John ❖

SUNSHINE REPORT

Linda Long is recovering well from surgery.

Grenetta Bledsoe is recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery

Rick Lee has Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

Binion Amerson has ongoing cardiac issues

Lets all keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Ken ❖

DECEMBER HOST/HOESSES

Club provided ham (cooked by Nickie Knight) and turkey (Cooked by Dee Dee Thompson), Merita Knapp, E J Lee, Peggy Harris, Connie Taylor, Ester Strawn, Rich Miller, Vernon Wallis, Shirlene Holt, John & Nancy Hamm, Joan Schmidt, Pat Mayhan, and Margaret Cline

Thanks!

JANUARY HOST/HOESSES

Margaret Cline, Ester Strawn, John & Nancy Hamm, Cathy Koogler, Vernon Wallis, Dodie Skrasek, Linda Long, Dee Dee & Mike Thompson, Gail Williams, Merita Knapp, Janet Von Kohn, Susan Austin, E J Lee, Nickie Knight, Pat Mayhan, and Peggy Skinner.

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens
Time 7:00 PM, January 16th 2014

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

NTDS Show @ FWBG
Time 9-noon, June 7th, 2014
Open to public at Noon,

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Time May 30, 31, Crown Plaza Dallas
Host, Daylily Growers Dallas.
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2015 – Atlanta, GA

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Note: EARLY MEETING, 7PM on Jan 16th

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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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