



# THE GARDEN GATE

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## JOHN'S JOTTINGS

On Wednesday April 2, a team of expert daylily growers met at the Holt's house. Even though there was a threat of rain, we were able to get all of the plants that were bought and many that were donated for the sale processed and tagged for the sale. It was a lot of work but it was well worth it. To each of the workers we want to say, "THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR efforts and work on our Spring Sale."

Then on Thursday, we arrived at the Botanic Gardens to set up and for the sale. The team work was outstanding. The pre-sale went well followed by the next day, we were off. At opening time

Saturday, the line was at the least 100 yards long. Our team had about 19 members working the sale and they worked hard and did a great job. One of our people, Mr. Jim Bartlett, was outstanding. He would stand in front of our area and invite people to buy a daylily. He did great at it! The crowd came in and the sales began. It was successful and the sale went very well. Thank you!! Also a great big THANK YOU goes to the ladies who worked so hard to bring us a lunch. It hit the spot!!

These are first draft numbers, do not get too excited. The gross sales were about \$1953.50. After expenses (paying for plants, 20% fee, etc.), we cleared about \$658.70. (Shirlene will correct my numbers.) There are about 32 bare root plants (many are double fans) that were potted up Monday. The Board is discussing how we will proceed with these plants and let you know elsewhere in the newsletter. This was the first time I have worked in the Spring Sale and I was very impressed with how well it was worked. THANK YOU.

I am looking forward to hearing our Guest Speaker this month, Steve Huddleston, head horticulturist of the Botanical Garden,

Also, this month we need to decide whether the Program for our

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Educational Exhibition will be approved or do we need to make any changes to it.

I will see you Thursday night April 17, 2014, at 7:00 PM. The food theme this month is Italian food.

## Program

Our guest speaker this month is Steve Huddleston, the Senior Horticulturist at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. Steve's topic will be "Perennials from A to Z". Maybe he can introduce us to some different ones that can survive the extremes of our North Texas weather!

## Secretary's report

John Turrentine called the meeting to order at 7:25.

Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were approved.

Old business:

Tagging will be April 2nd at 9:30 at the Holt's house. Call first as plants may not have arrived. 20% of price goes to the Botanic Gardens. Set up Thurs from 2-7. Let John know if helping. Sale is Sat starting

June show has a proposed program. Program is tabled until next month.

Patches are available for \$2.

Hospitality suite – Dallas will handle 1-3, Fort Worth will do 3-5

New business:

Fall sale 9-27-13. \$2000 to spend

Rooms for 2015 on Thursdays. Show date 6-6-15. Sale 9-26-15

Tours - Ken, Vernon & John will plan

Picnic – Ken will plan & get a date

Region 6 contribution – go ahead & send \$500. Nickie to put together a basket for the regional. Bring donations to April meeting.

Door prizes were drawn.

Italian food & salads are planned for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 & then dinner & Carol Clark Montgomery from Clark Gardens in Mineral Wells gave her presentation.

38 members & one guest present. Guest joined.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan❖

## My Favorite Daylily

If you look this daylily up in the AHS data base you will find "[Laken's Royalty](#)" (Turrentine, 2013) [details withheld until publication in 2014]

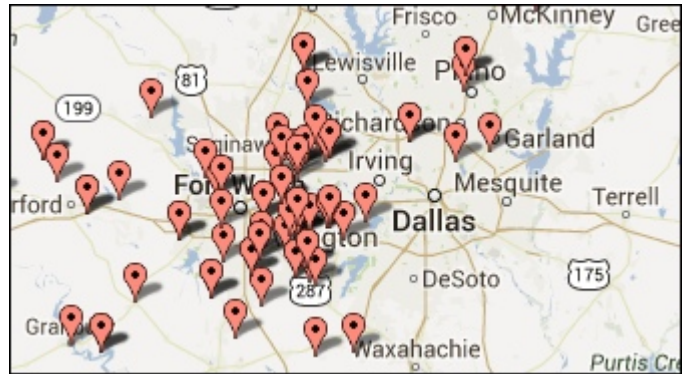
*H. Laken's Royalty* has 25 inch scape and a 5 inch bloom. It is a mid-season diploid that will re-bloom. It is dormant and fragrant. It is the result of a cross between Northfield and Double Red. It bloomed last year about 80% double. I described it as rich apricot-golden red. It was named for a good friend's daughter: Laken Rapiere. It is very limited in supply.



I have a seedling that I am also very proud to have. I number it as SP-12-19-10. This seedling is from Crystal Blue Persuasion and Cosmic Kaleidoscope. It is a 4 inch bloom on a 15 inch scape. The color is a red-purple with a lighter high lite. The eye-zone reflects Cosmic Kaleidoscope but it is not as large a bloom. It does grow vigorously. The primary fan is now three, and the proliferation has doubled. If it keeps this up, I will need a name for it---any suggestions?



John❖



Jim❖

## Editors Stuff

### Show

John had me send the the show schedule on 24<sup>th</sup> of last month to all members. If you did not get one, tell me and I will send another. John should have some hardcopy at meeting.

### 'My Favorite Daylily'

This is MY, not Johns, favorite. So why John each month? Because HE SENDS IT IN. You want yours in newsletter? Send it.

Remember, we also have a (somewhat) regular 'I want it, I got it' column for those looking for a plant or who have a LOT of a plant.

### Bluebonnets on Austin Campus.

A&M found, cross bred, and registered a maroon bluebonnet – Alamo Fire. And it seems that they are coming up all over the UT campus. Smile, it IS funny.

### Host / Hostess

No, the host/hostess for this month is correct, it is not a duplicate. And these folks make GREAT food. I wonder how good everyone else cooks???

### Any members near me?

Why yes. Of course *near* can mean different thing to different folks. Take a look at this link <http://tinyurl.com/kctyhtx>

Roll your mouse wheel to zoom in/out, then just drag it around. Hover or click on pin to see member name and address.

## Members Message

(?? This is any members message on tips, techniques, what is going on in your garden, or neat stuff you want to share. I got Sharon to provide something this month)

I have red clay so I use raised beds. I have a lot of butterfly attracting plants so try to hold the chemicals to a minimum. For DL fertilizer I have great success with Nature's Guide 6-1-4. This is alfalfa based all-natural, manure-free fertilizer that comes in easy-to-spread pellets and like all organic fertilizer, will not burn. I just put a small container (yogurt cup seems to work just right) at base of every plant. And, unlike Milorganite (which I use at bottom of hole when planting DL) it does not attract my dogs.

If you want to try, the best price currently seems to be AJ Southwest (817 496-5050) in Ft Worth and they deliver free in Tarrant County.

Sharon❖

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Dee Pace is recovering well from breaking her forearm falling at their sale last month.

Ken❖

**MARCH HOST/HOUSTESS – SOUP/SANDWICH**

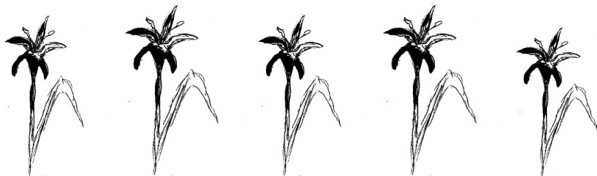
Margaret Cline, Tom & Diane Bevel, Ester Strawn, Grenetta Bledsoe, EJ Lee, Pat Mayhan, Nickie Knight, Peggy Skinner, and Dottie Skrasek

*Thanks!*

**APRIL HOST/HOUSTESS – ITALIAN & SALAD**

Margaret Cline, Tom & Diane Bevel, Ester Strawn, Grenetta Bledsoe, EJ Lee, Pat Mayhan, Nickie Knight, Peggy Skinner, Dottie Skrasek, John Schmidt, Linda Long, and Sharon Bartlett

*Thanks!*



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens**  
Time 7:30 PM, April 17<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Open to public at Noon,

**AHS Reg 6**  
Time May 30, 31, Crown Plaza Dallas  
Host, Daylily Growers Dallas.

**AHS**  
2014 – Asheville, NC  
2015 – Atlanta, GA

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**Note: Normal meeting time, 7:30PM on March 20<sup>th</sup>**

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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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**

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**300 Oak Lane,**  
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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