



THE GARDEN GATE

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JOHN'S JOTTINGS

I enjoyed hearing our Guest Speaker last month. Steve Huddleston, head horticulturist of the Botanical Garden, presented Perennials A to Z. BUT, for some reason, he left out the most important perennial, Daylilies. I did not realize that there were so many different beautiful plants to grow in a Texas Garden. IF I had a 125 acre garden and a crew to help maintain it, I also would grow many of these plants. Thank you Mr. Huddleston.

The membership decided the fate of the left-over sale plants. We are saving 10 (ten) of the potted plants for the show. The other twenty-two (22) of them were used for door-prizes. They went to very welcoming new homes of the members present. Their new owners were very happy to get them and to take them into their garden. I heard of one of

those present stating how glad that they were to get one of them.

We approved the Program for the Educational Exhibition on June 7th.

In our May meeting, we will need to go over the various parts and programs that we are going to put together. The first good news about the program is that we will be able to get into the room as early as 1:00 PM on Friday to set up the tables, etc. I hope we can get 3 or 4 of the men to the storage room to get out the material about lunchtime (we have lunch, of course) then we get the materials to the room about 1:00 PM. If the decorators could be in the room at the gardens about 1:00 PM, then things will go smoothly. And we can get out of town before the traffic gets rough.

At the meeting we will describe the various parts of the program. Dee Dee, Kathy, and Margaret have a food agenda in place. But they will need some help. There will be a lite breakfast. The theme for the lunch is tasty and delicious. At the meeting, PLEASE get with these three ladies and let them know how you can help.

There are several teaching positions that are open. We need to find members who can teach others about daylilies (I know of about 40 good people for this job). We will need individuals who can show people how to plant a daylily (I know of about 40 good people for this job). There is a position for those who know how to groom a daylily for an AHS who will show these procedures (I know of about 40 good people for this job). Most of all, we will need several members who can explain what the NTDS is, and again I know of about 40 good people for this job.

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Please bring your copy of the program (I will print extras and have them). Those with the planning pages, PLEASE bring them also (I will print extras and have them). I sincerely believe that this will be a show that we will all have a lot of fun doing and we will all enjoy doing it. It should help us to find many new members.

I will see you Thursday night May 15, 2014, at 7:00 PM. The food theme this month is Salads and Sandwiches.

John❖

Program

In "John's Jottings" John has described what our program topic will be this month---our NTDS 2014 Daylily Show ! We will be discussing, planning, drafting volunteers and assigning duties to our members so we can present our beautiful blooms to the visitors in a manner we haven't tried before. Besides showing our daylilies, we hope to interact with, and educate the visitors by showing them how to plant, groom and enjoy the daylily.-----We've got a lot of organizing to do at this meeting!

Kenneth and I would like to invite everyone to our Longs AHS Daylily Display Garden for the annual NTDS picnic on June 14, 2014. The club provides the meat and members everything else. Lunch should be around 12:00 but you can come earlier to see the daylilies while it is cooler if you wish. (Let's hope the daylilies are blooming good by then.) Folding chairs are always welcome.

Linda❖

PS: Unless the club wants to purchase beans, potato salad, and cole slaw. This is the members choice and would be no difference for me to pick up.

Bring your cameras as there should be plenty of different blooms from all the new daylilies we've planted

Ken❖

Secretary's report

John Turrentine called the meeting to order at 7:34.

No new members or guests. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were approved.

Correspondence - Dee Pace is healing from the broken arm through rehabilitation.

Old business:

1. Spring sale report – \$1968.50 was the total from the sale with a profit of \$662.70. Approved
2. Approve show program. Approved.

New business:

1. Decide fate of leftover sale plants – approved to be door prizes except for 10 plants to be given away to new members at the show
2. Date for sale & show – June 7th
3. June 14th for picnic at Long's house
4. Wait until May meeting to set dates for tours
5. Salad, sandwiches & fruit for food in May

Door prizes were drawn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 & then dinner & Steve Huddleston from Botanic Gardens gave his presentation on perennials from A to Z.

22 members present. Respectfully submitted,

Susan❖

My Favorite Daylily

First, I would like to know, **am I the only one of us who has a favorite daylily in their garden??**

This month I wish to share with you the first two (2) plants that have bloomed for me this year.

The first is seedling #12-00-1. I do not know who the parents are. The poor little plant was orphaned by some mistreatment of the gardener. That year I had a large number of babies that lost their identification tags. A seedling platform fell and mixed up one big batch of seedlings.



Margaret describes it as a 3.5" bloom on a 24" scape. It has 3 branches with 6 buds on its very first scape. The petal color is a pale apricot. It has a bright lemon throat. The petals have a gradient eye going from Lavender to dark plum on the outer band. Petals are brushed with a blush of light plum in the veins. The tepals are lemony with very light blush of plum on the sides. It bloomed on May 1, 2014. I will test it for Dip./Tet. later, let it grow for now,



The first registered daylily to bloom for me this year is Liebling. The AHS list it as "Liebling (Stout, 1956) height

32in (81cm), season EM, Dormant, Diploid, Yellow tan bitone.” It is not quite 32” this year, but it is its first year in my garden. The bloom is about 3 inches. The two (2) fans I planted last fall are several fans this spring. I imagine that I will need to divide it this fall at this rate. Look at the bud count on that well branched scape.

John❖

Have flowers blooming every day of the year

<http://tinyurl.com/mdlrkrx>

Each year has 12 months, 52 weeks and 365 days.

Daylily, Hemerocallis, flowers each last for one day. Daylily plants may have several flowers open on each stem and continue producing flowering stems for three to four weeks from April to May locally. Some selected cultivars are repeat-blooming, such as ‘Yangsy,’ ‘Butterflake,’ and ‘Double Talk.’ Cut off the dying flower stalks and, after a rest, cultivated daylilies will re-bloom.

Each month, some plant or another blooms. Wise gardeners choose species so there will be something in flower every month. The Bridal Wreath shown here (in article online) blooms four to six weeks from March to April.

Most flowering plants bloom for several weeks during their season, then set seeds which will produce future generations of the species. As pollen may have come from a different plant of the same species, the seedling plant may have slightly different characteristics from the parents. Hybrids and cross-bred plants are often sterile.

For example, the annual pink phlox that bloomed along roadsides, in un-mowed fields and moist ditches got pollinated and made seeds from March through April. By hot May, these plants stop flowering, die off and drop their seeds. Wind, birds, animals and lawnmowers help disperse the seeds. The seeds lie dormant through the hot, wet Florida summer. The cold winter prevents germination, but gets phlox seeds ready to germinate.

In February, the seeds get wet with morning fog, dew and occasional showers. As soil warms, the seeds sprout. Within weeks, pretty flowers grace the roadsides and meadows. As long as the site is not mowed before the seed mature, the annual display will continue every spring.

Plants produced from cuttings, divisions, layering, and offsets from bulbs and roots are identical to the parent. The lovely Tasmanian Flax Lily, *Dianella tasmanica*, with striking, variegated strap-like leaves, becomes a wide clump after several years. The leaves grow less than 30 inches tall. Thin stems arching above the leaves have tiny blue flowers from spring to summer. They are not flashy or large. The variegated, cultivated

variety grows offsets fairly quickly. No gardeners grow flax lily from seeds.

To divide flax lily, dig straight down 8 to 12 inches from the base so as not to sever roots. Then lever up the whole clump. Gently shake off the soil, tease the roots apart and snap off to separate individual plantlet bibs.

Immediately plant a group of three to five plantlets in well-drained, humus-rich soil. Do not let roots dry. Let flax lily grow into a large, beautiful garden plant.

Each month, some plant or another blooms. Flowering spans four to eight weeks for most plants. Wise gardeners choose species so there will be something in flower every month: Red Maple, a Camellia and Carolina Jessamine for January; plums, redbud, azaleas and Florida Violets for February; dogwood, Walter’s Viburnum, spiderwort, rain lilies and coral honeysuckle for March; red buckeye, fringe tree, Amaryllis bulbs, coral bean, daylily and Indian Hawthorn for April; tuliptree, gladiolus, roses and repeat-blooming azaleas in May; then magnolias, roses, crape myrtles and oakleaf hydrangeas in June.

Gardeners research to find which plants flower and when they bloom in their garden location and climate zone. Choosing a tree, shrub, vine, herbaceous plant and wildflower for each month will produce flowers at varying heights, with different sizes, shapes and colors. Selecting a wide variety of flowering plants provides nectar, pollen, fruit and seed for wildlife that must coexist with dominant humans.

Insects such as butterflies and bees, reptiles and amphibians such as turtles, lizards and snakes, mammals such as squirrels, possum, deer, foxes, and moles, and birds such as cardinals, bluebirds and hummingbirds will live in gardens if the necessary shelter, food, water, nest sites, nest material and habitat are provided or left intact for them to survive and proliferate.

Gardeners love to grow flowers. Choose wisely to have something in bloom every day of the year.



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Jane Weber❖

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, Dottie Skrasek, John Schmidt, Linda Long, and Sharon Bartlett

Thanks!

APRIL HOST/HOUSTESS – ITALIAN & SALAD

Esther Strawn, Margaret Cline, Pan Engel, Connie Taylor, Susan Austin, Nickie Knight, Janet Howie, Dee Dee Thompson, and Sharon Bartlett

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens
Time 7:00 PM, May 15th 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,

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

AHS
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2015 – Atlanta, GA

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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?

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Memberships desired: Single member - \$15 Family membership - \$20

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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