



# THE GARDEN GATE

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## JOHN'S JOTTINGS

I certainly enjoyed the presentation that Mr. Tim Bell exhibited at our August meeting. He has a very nice garden and program, and the daylilies are also very beautiful. I went to the meeting with the determination NOT to buy any plants, and I came home with four (4) additions. But, as it was said, "Look how much I saved by buying them at the meeting." I have them in pots waiting until it's cool enough to get me into the garden to plant them.

We have the show planning started. We elected Nicki Knight as Show Chairperson and Susan Austin as assistant chairperson. Ken Long volunteered to help, as well as I did. We have the goal to have an accredited show next Spring with the back-up option of the unaccredited show like we had this year.

OUR FALL SALE is September 27, 2014. We will tag the plants on the 25th at the Holt's. PLEASE let Shirlene know that you are planning to help with the tagging. We will set up for the Sale on Saturday about 8AM and sell until we run out of plants. This year we are experimenting with taking payment for plants with "plastic." Jim Bartlett will operate this check-out. The regular check-out committee will take care of the cash and check customers.

Shirlene Holt is working on getting the plans for the outdoor sale at the Botanical Gardens. This sale is two (2) weeks after our sale. She has 5 or 6 people committed to helping. She will also need to have plants promised or obtained for the sale. Please get with her at the meeting, or before and let her know how you may help with this project.

The Club owns an old-fashioned slide projector that needs to find a new home. It will be at the meeting and will be auctioned to the member that wants it the most.

See you Thursday, August 21, 2014, at 7:30 PM (or before) for the meeting.

John❖

## Program

This month we will be having an open discussion among all our members to get your thoughts and ideas for our flower show for 2015. We need a theme, a name, what type of a show, etc. What did or didn't you like about our show this year? Come prepared to share your thoughts. By starting now, we can have a fantastic show in 2015!

Remember to sign-in because we will have daylily fans to share with all.

Linda❖

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# Secretary's report

John Turrentine called the meeting to order at 6:57. Welcome to guests & guest speaker. Secretary's & Treasurer's reports were approved. Correspondence – thanks for donation from Meals on Wheels.

Old business:

1. Fall botanical garden sale Oct 11: do we want to participate & who is to lead in getting it
2. Sheets passed for signup for helping with tagging Sept 25th

New business:

1. Credit card sales at our sale Sept. 27, 2014 were approved.
2. Show chairperson for June 6, 2015 - Nickie & Susan will co-chair.
3. Slide projector almost new for sale.

Adjourned at 7:15 for dinner. 33 members, 3 guests and 1 guest speaker present.

Susan ❖

## Bugs may not be to blame

<http://tinyurl.com/o9f8muu>

Published: Friday, August 29, 2014 at 17:25 PM.

Our office recently received a sample of foliage from an ornamental flowering cherry with what appeared to be insect damage. However, a closer look at the holes indicated that insects probably weren't involved, and that the more likely culprit was a fungal pathogen.

Some fungi create circular necrotic lesions that eventually fall out of the infected foliage, leaving holes that can certainly resemble insect feeding. This type of damage is generically referred to as "shot hole." In the case of our ornamental cherry tree, N.C. State's Plant Disease and Insect Clinic determined the causal fungus to be *Passalora circumscissa*, and noted that this problem has been very common during the summer of 2014. Damage to infected trees is considered to be primarily cosmetic, and the Clinic does not recommend fungicide applications to landscape trees for this particular pathogen. Raking up and removing foliage as it falls to the ground should help reduce the amount of infection for the following year. (A little less rainfall in 2015 would also reduce the amount of infection, but of course we should be very careful what we wish for in that regard.)

This sample, and the Clinic's diagnosis, serve as reminders of the importance of getting a problem clearly identified before any pesticide applications are made. Insecticide applications in this case would have been a waste of time and money, as the problem was clearly not insect-related. In addition, any insecticide application up into the canopy of a tree carries the possibility of harm to beneficial insects, as well as drift hazard to the applicator. The experience of our office through the years is that a high percentage of pesticide applications on residential sites take place prior to any attempt at diagnosis. Good

things rarely happen when we spray first and investigate afterwards.

Another recent sample of interest turned out to be **my personal introduction to the daylily leafminer**. Leafminers represent a large group of primarily Diptera (fly) insects with larval stages that tunnel in between the upper and lower leaf surfaces of a wide array of plant species. Most home gardeners have at one time or another encountered leafminer damage to boxwoods and hollies, but these two examples are just the tip of the leafminer iceberg.



Daylily leafminer trails are relatively long and straight, moving along the length of the long and narrow daylily leaves. This is a fairly new pest in the United States, and insecticide strategies don't appear to have been well established for home landscapes. Entomologists do suggest that removal of infested foliage is a good strategy for suppressing the problem, and that's what I'd recommend for now. If you do encounter this insect, keep in mind that damage is primarily cosmetic and your daylily planting is not in serious jeopardy. See the American Nurseryman article at <http://www.amerinnursery.com/article-7705.aspx> for a great photo of daylily leafminer damage and additional information on the insect.

Our office will present a program on community and residential tree management at the New Bern-Craven County Public Library on Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. I'll have more on this program next time.

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Tom Glasgow ❖

## The Gardening Guy- Daylilies

<http://tinyurl.com/n8maxkn>

What one kind of flower would you bring with you if you were being sentenced to life on a deserted island? Would you pick peonies for their big, bold blossoms and tantalizing smell? Or perhaps primroses for their bountiful blossoms and willingness to spread? A better choice

might actually be daylilies. They'll grow just about anywhere, are generally untroubled by pests and diseases – and you can eat them! This is daylily season, and a good time to buy some more for your garden.

Let's start with the common orange daylily (*Hemerocallis fulva*). Most gardens have some. You'll also see them by the side of the road as if gardeners – having too many, but unwilling to compost them – have heaved them out the windows of their cars. These sturdy perennials will grow anywhere, and will even bloom in the shade. They were introduced from Asia in the late 1800's and were admired as exotic at the time, I'm sure. But now they are too common for most gardeners' taste. And they do spread by root, which can be bothersome.

In the Chinese market in Montreal daylily tubers are for sale for cooking. I've tried cleaning and cooking the roots of my own orange daylilies, but have decided that it's too much work to get them clean enough to eat. They were tasty enough, but fry up almost anything with garlic and onions, and it will be yummy.

The flowers are edible and surprisingly delicious. Make a big green salad and add daylily petals for color. Don't use the stamens and pistils (the little stuff inside the blossoms) as they're not tasty. Chop or tear the petals. And toss in a few buds, which taste a bit like asparagus or green beans.

For a nice vegetable dish, sauté chopped onions, shallots or garlic in olive oil or butter. Add a little chopped tarragon and black pepper. When the onions are almost cooked, drop in buds from those common orange daylilies you have been meaning to manage, but haven't. Select buds an inch to an inch and a half long. They will start to open when they are cooked - in just a minute or two.

For dessert you can take a wine glass and place in it a fully open, brightly-colored daylily blossom. Put in a scoop of sherbet in the blossom and garnish with a few fresh berries and a mint leaf if you have one. Yum!

Daylilies are great cutflowers. Because each blossom only lasts a day - hence the name - most people don't use them in flower arrangements. But I cut scapes (leafless stems) that are just starting to bloom and have numerous fat, unopened buds. The buds will open one at a time for up to a week, depending on number of buds. This works most reliably if the arrangement gets some sunshine each day.

I recently visited Cider Hill Gardens in Windsor, VT to admire their collection of daylilies. They have daylilies in a wide range of colors, from nearly white ('Ice Carnival') to deep reds that border on black. They have daylilies that are pink, creamy yellow or light orange, lilac, lavender, bluish and red. Some come in one color, but most are bi-colored, with a throat or eye of a second color. Each flower has both petals and sepals, and in some, like 'Frans Hals', the petals and sepals can be different colors – a look I like.

Flower shape varies as much as the colors. There is the standard trumpet. Then there are those with ruffled edges ('Here She Comes' is a good one). And the so-called

'spiders', whose petals are narrow and spaced apart a little – like the legs of a spider. 'Kindly Light' is a nice yellow one. 'Doubles, such as 'Jean Swann' have their centers filled in with lots of extra petals. And some are worth buying for their great names like 'Blueberry Breakfast' or 'Bodacious'.

Then there are the re-blooming daylilies, like Stella de Oro, a gold-colored daylily that is very popular because it blooms off and on all summer. I've seen pictures of a re-bloomer called Purple de Oro that I simply must have. So many kinds, so little garden space!

What do daylilies want in life? Sunshine, dark rich soil, and adequate moisture. But they will settle for less – even a lot less and bloom almost anywhere. Yes, slugs will sometimes nibble on the leaves, but they are not a magnet for bugs the way some roses are.

Over time clumps of daylilies get bigger, and you can divide them to start new clumps. Simply slice through a big clump with a spade to make two or four new plants, pry them apart and re-plant. I've been known to take out a chunk shaped like a piece of pie with a serrated knife – and the mother plant never even seemed to notice I'd done so. So run to your neighborhood plant center and have a look – you'll likely come home with something wonderful.

Henry Homeyer is the author of 4 gardening books, and a children's fantasy-adventure, *Wobar and the Quest for the Magic Calumet*. Contact Henry through his Web site, [www.Gardening-Guy.com](http://www.Gardening-Guy.com).

Henry Homeyer ❖

## Newsletter content

About once a year or so I repeat this. It is time again.

THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER. If you want to see something, tell me. Even better, sent it to me.

We have had (and still have) a 'lost and found' for plants you have lost and want again. Along same lines Vernon has used 'Want it? Got it!' to find homes for excess plants. Before her passing, Mable Mathews sent some poetry. I have printed lots of recipes.

Too busy? John's Jottings in this issue is only 330 words. Remember school? 'I want 200-300 words on X' from each of you.... ☺

Seriously, tips / tricks you use in gardening, new plants you are excited about, whatever.

Thanks in advance,

Jim ❖

## SUNSHINE REPORT

Ken Long is recovering, slowly, from back surgery. Lets all keep him in our thought [ Pray for Linda ] and tell him to FOLLOW DOCTORS ORDERS!!!

Jim ❖

**AUGUST HOST/HOStESS – ‘SOMETHING COOL’**

Cathy Koogler, Susan Austin, Nickie Knight, E J Lee, Peggy Skinner, Dodie Skrasek, Linda Long, Vernon Wallis, Shirlene Holt, and Sharon Bartlett

Margaret Cline, Dee Dee Thompson, Jim Bartlett, John Turrentine, Peggy Skinner, and Vernon Wallis

*Thanks!*

**SEPTEMBER HOST/HOStESS – POTLUCK**

Dee Dee Thompson, Merita Knapp, Joan Schmidt, Connie Taylor, Nickie Knight, EJ Lee, Susan Austin, Janet Howie, Cathy Koogler, Gail Williams, Peggy Harris, Sylvan Sigler, Ester Strawn, Margaret Cline, and Deby Hill

*Thanks!*



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens**  
Time 7:00 PM, September 18<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 Annual sale (with FWIS)**  
FWBG Sept 27<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 5pm

**FWBG Fall Sale**  
NTDS table, S side of grove.  
Oct 11-12, 9am - 2pm

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

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**Note: Early meeting time, 7:00PM on September 18<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) \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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(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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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