



THE GARDEN GATE

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JOHN'S JOTTINGS

BINGO was a tremendous success! The attendance overflowed the room. Many visitors were present as well as members that we have not seen for a while. Tom did a great job calling the numbers. As best as I could see, everyone took home a new daylily or two. I even won a few more than I had planned. The refreshments were very good: THANK YOU to all that helped.

I have enjoyed the time after both of the sales and Bingo. I have spent as much time in my garden as has been possible getting rid of summer weeds so the winter weeds will have room to grow. My biggest weed problems have been the weeds 'Hack Berry' and "Elm'. Most of the smaller ones I have handled well enough.

The meeting this month is our Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey, Ham, dressing, vegetables, cakes, pies, and you know what else is on the

menu. We will also have our seed, plant, and garden stuff exchange at this meeting.

We need to have a short-quick Board meeting before this month's gathering. There are a few improvements to our by-laws that we need to consider. The suggestion has been made to combine the Treasurer's office and the membership office into one office. Another suggestion is that a chairperson for hospitality, refreshment, etc. be elected. Another suggestion has been brought up that the Club reimburse the AHS dues for Officers that are not AHS in order to meet the requirement that all officers be AHS members for us to have an accredited show. We need to act on this soon, before the officer elections in December. Please let Board members know your thoughts on this. Thank you.

See you Thursday, November 20, 2014, at 7:00 PM (or before) for the meeting.

John❖

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Program

For any new members who don't know and old ? (existing) ones who don't remember, Nov. is when we have our annual Seed and Plant Exchange.

Bring anything that grows or is garden related ---- you're sure to take home seeds, bulbs, and plants that you will love.

Also, we always have a LARGE Thanksgiving dinner so come hungry!

PS It's time for us to pay our dues for 2015 for NTDS and also AHS if you're a member. John mentioned that we need to elect new officers for 2015 also. If you're debating nominating someone, you need to first verify that the person would even want to do the job. See you Thursday.

Linda❖

Secretary's report

September

John Turrentine called the meeting to order at 7:15. No visitors. Minutes and treasurer's report approved as printed.

Old business:

Fall Botanical Garden Sale: Motion made to sign up and back out if we don't have enough plants. Members will dig plants. 5-6 people volunteered to help.

Our Sale: Tagging Thursday Sept 25 @ Holts at 9:30 am

Our Sale: Sat.27 @ Botanic Gardens 8 am set-up. Sell until we sell out. We will need more: Doubles, less-expensive, spiders, etc. Dee Dee and Margaret will bring lunch. Members bring sides.

Finger food to go with ice cream, cookies for the Oct. 16th meeting when we play bingo. Meeting begins at 7.

New Business

Sell old slide projector via auction

Meeting adjourned at 7:38

28 members were present.

Show will be June 6th

- "Down the Daylily Trail" won for the name of the show.
- Vernon is willing to donate glass for trophies. He will be in charge of awards.
- Peggy will do publicity.
- Property in storage building. Need to check to see what is needed. John will be in charge.
- Placement – members will work together rather than appoint a committee. Most people like to place their own flowers.
- John will do the schedule. Needs to be sent in Jan or Feb to be approved.
- Suggestion to separate section 4 to 4a – doubles and 4b – poly
- Janet and Ken will do tabulations.
- Design category needs 12 displays, but could do a club prize or popularity contest.
- Gene in charge of clerks.
- Margaret will be in charge of hospitality.
- John & Jim will take care of education at the front desk.
- Ken will order nice daylilies for the judges. Give Ken suggestions for judges. Need 9 judges.
- Need to check for different hotel for the judges.

October

John Turrentine called the meeting to order at 7:00. Visitors and guests were welcomed. Treasurer's reports were approved. Secretary's report will be available next month.

Correspondence:

Thank you to be sent to Randy Griffin for the daylilies that the post office lost, which were found too late for the sale. She donated them for bingo prizes. A thank you to Robin Calderon also went around for signing since she sold daylilies for the sale to us at a very great price.

New business:

November meeting will have the turkey dinner. Margaret will bring turkey and Vernon will bring ham. Members signed up to bring sides.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 & bingo began. During the break, there were snacks and ice cream & desserts.

Good tip from Neil Sperry's Facebook page

Garden Tip: I've never seen any research data to prove or disprove this hunch, but it's my feeling that several of our moderately perennial plants (as determined by winter hardiness) have better chances of surviving the cold months if I cut them off at the ground and mulch them immediately. At least in my rural Collin County (cool side of DFW) landscape, that's how I handle Mexican bush salvia (*Salvia leucantha*), lantanas and bananas. Within a day or two of that first killing freeze, I trim out all the dead top growth back to within an inch or two of the soil, and I cover the crowns of the plants with shredded tree leaves I've picked up off the lawn with the mower and bagger. On another side, there are scores of types of perennials that are completely winter-hardy to almost all of Texas, and all I do for them is to tidy up frozen top growth and apply a 1-inch layer of the shredded leaves as a mulch. It looks good, plus it conserves water, slows development of weeds and decays to return organic matter to the soil. That list of perennials that get pruned only as needed to keep things tidy include iris, mums, fall asters, ornamental grasses and tons of others.

Some perennials look really ugly after the first freeze. Cannas come to mind. While their roots are winter-hardy, the tops turn to mush and need to be cleaned up as soon as you can gather them. They'll probably need a couple of days to lose all their moisture.

Hardy hibiscus (mallows) will die to the ground with the first freeze. Trim off their tops, leaving an inch of stem stubble so you can see where the clumps are. No need to cover them with more than an inch of decorative mulch.

Summer annuals, of course, are now history if you've had a hard freeze, so it's time to remove and replace them with pansies, pinks, snaps or ornamental cabbage or kale.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan ❖

Tidbits

First and most important, lets all welcome new members.

Eduardo Campista, Irving Tx

Debra Durham & Billi Graham, Burleson Tx

Amy Barnett, Ft Worth Tx

Next, thanks Susan for contribution to newsletter.

I saw this note:

Daylily and Companion Plant Sale: sponsored by Lone Star Daylily Society. 8 a.m.-noon Nov 7th at the Pearland Farmer's Market, Zychlinski Park, 2243 Grand Blvd., Pearland; 713-882-9958. Free Admission.

Two thoughts, we need to ensure that the phrase 'free admission' appears in our ads for show n sale. And, should we add 'Companion Plants' to our sale? Yes, it would 'eat' some of the stuff we bring to Seed Exchange but most of us have tons. Would the additional draw overcome any loss of DL sales? Discuss.

Jim❖

Southern Gardening: Top plants earn the 2015 Mississippi Medallions

<http://tinyurl.com/l22cpj9>

Many Southerners (in general) and Mississippians (in particular) base their new plant selections on the annual recommendations from the Mississippi Medallion Selection Committee. The committee has just announced three winners for 2015:

Delta Jazz crape myrtle, Suburban Nancy Gayle daylily and Top Pot scaevola.

Delta Jazz crape myrtle...

Delta Jazz is a new crape myrtle that was developed at Mississippi State University. It has unusual foliage that emerges a rich, raspberry-maroon color and then matures into a dark-mahogany brown. This foliage color accents clusters of medium-pink flowers in the late summer.

-snip-

Top Pot scaevola ...

Top Pot scaevola is an herbaceous flowering plant with a sprawling growth habit that spreads out to 2 feet in diameter. Its foliage has the appearance of being succulent, with coarse-toothed margins. The 1-inch-wide, fan-shaped flowers appear in mass and flower freely from spring through summer and most of fall with violet-blue, pink or white petal lobes and yellow throats. Scaevola flowers until freezing weather hits.

-snip-

Suburban Nancy Gayle daylily...

Suburban Nancy Gayle daylily, an outstanding plant for all of our Mississippi gardens and landscapes, was developed at Suburban Daylilies in Hattiesburg. This has big (and I mean big) red flowers with yellow throats. The flowers are bigger in diameter than my hand. These plants have been growing in trial beds across Mississippi and are very impressive with their flowering performance. These plants have flowered from mid-May until August the past couple of years.



[AHS: **Suburban Nancy Gayle** (Watts, 2004)

height 29in (74cm), bloom 6in (15.0cm), season MLa, Rebloom, Evergreen, Tetraploid, 20 buds, 6 branches, Red self above yellow throat. (Ruby Spider x Wispy Rays)]

The Mississippi Nursery and Landscape Association established the Mississippi Medallion program in 1996 to increase awareness of plant materials and to promote sales and production of ornamental plants in the state. Compared with national campaigns, such as All-American Selections and Perennial Plant of the Year, the Mississippi Medallion program focuses on plants adapted to the environment in Mississippi to benefit both consumers and the green industry.

For information on past Mississippi Medallion winners, go to <http://www.msucares.com>.

Dr. Gary Bachman❖

SUNSHINE REPORT

Jim❖

**OCTOBER HOST/HOUSTESS – COOKIES N
CAKES**

Club (and officers) to serve Ice Cream, sides provided by:
Cathy Koogler, Sharon Bartlett, Pat Engel, Connie Taylor,
Merita Knapp, Shirlene Hold, Dee Dee Thompson, Grenetta
Bledsoe, Margaret Cline, Esther Strawn, Deby Hill, and Doug
Dutton

Thanks!

**NOVEMBER HOST/HOUSTESS – THANKSGIVING
SIDES**

Club to provide ham (cooked by Vernon) and turkey (cooked
by Margaret), sides provided by: Gail Williams, Dodie
Skrasek, Linda Long, Shirlene Holt, Cathy Koogler, Sharon
Bartlett, Ester Strawn, Deby Hill, Bill & Susan Page, E J Lee,
Susan Austin, Janet Howie, Eduardo Campista, Vernon
Wallis, Merita Knapp, Tom Bevel, Pat Engel, and Janet Von
Kohn

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens
Time 7:00 PM, November 20th 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 27th, 9am – 5pm

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

AHS
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2015 – Atlanta, GA

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Note: BINGO!!!, 7:00PM on November 20th

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 _____

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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

Please make checks payable to **North Texas Daylily Society**

Mail to **Gene Holt**
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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