



THE GARDEN GATE

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JOHN'S JOTTINGS

The November meeting was fun and filling to say the least, the food was superior again. The Business meeting got interesting when the rules for the Gift-Exchange was discussed. Then, again, it would not be Christmas in the NTDS without that discussion.

The Board met briefly before the meeting. The idea about combining the Treasurer and the membership was dropped. The concept of a chairperson for hospitality was amended. It will be brought up to elect a committee of three members to take care of this. The subject of the AHS dues for some of the officers was dropped. However, after further investigation and discussion, a better solution was found. The Board will bring up, as the first order of New Business, that we delete "Article VIII, SECTION 3. Any candidate for office shall be a member of the American Hemerocallis Society." The idea that AHS membership was required

for all officers in order for us to have an accredited show was a bit of incomplete misinformation. It is now corrected.

Then, I expect we will hear from the Nominating Committee on who will be offered the honor and privilege to serve as an officer next year. Our procedure calls for their list to be put in nomination, then allow for nominations from the floor. This is before we vote.

Back to the November meeting, every year we have made a Charitable Contribution.

This year we are sending it to the North Texas (Tarrant County) Food Bank. In addition, we are having a canned food drive in that meeting to take the NTFB. Please, bring non-perishable can goods like you would want to receive, if you were on the other end. They suggest that canned meats (tuna, chicken) and peanut butter are best. We will get them to the food bank as soon afterward as is possible.

The seed, plant, and garden stuff exchange was fun. Every person received five (5) trips to pick up seeds, plants, garden stuff, etc. Then, the ladies went and finished getting things.

The December gift-Exchange will be a lot of fun. The gifts should be in the \$10-(\$15)- \$20 range. They need to be wrapped (if possible) and ready.

See you Thursday, December 18, 2014, at 7:00 PM (or before) for the meeting.

And, Luke Senior Jr has moved to Katy Tx where he has family and many friends. While we will miss him, we wish him the best in his new digs (and we all know he will be digging some flower beds). Jim will update the membership list but for now,

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John ❖

Program

For any new members who don't know and old ? (existing) ones who don't remember, December is when we have our annual Christmas dinner and gift exchange.

Linda❖

Nomination for officers

If Members, via vote at meeting, agree to wave Article 8, Section 3 of our bylaws that require all officers to be members of AHS, the following are the nomination committee recommendations.

John Turrentine-----Pres.
Linda Long ----1st VP---Programs
Deby Hill ---- 2nd VP --- Membership
Dee Dee Thompson ----3rd VP --- Publicity
Janet Howie ----- 4th Vp ---- Treasurer
Susan Austin ---- Secretary

John T. asked me to include Committee For Hospitality, to be included in the newsletter:

Sharron Bartlett
Kathy Koogler
Margaret Cline

Secretary's report

John Turrentine called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Diane Bevel was welcomed back. Eduardo, new member, was welcomed. Secretary's report was approved. Treasurer's report will be available next month.

Sunshine Report: Dee Dee's eye operation was successful, but she can't drive yet.

Correspondence: Thank you cards were much appreciated.

New business: No need to combine treasurer & membership chair

Officer nomination committee --Jim, Vernon, Ken were approved. To meet as soon as possible

Christmas gifts to Mike (\$100) & Susan (\$50) O'Neal were approved

Charitable gift this year will go to the food bank (\$100). Club members will bring canned goods (especially meats)/rice/beans to go with the check at the next meeting.

Food list for Christmas meeting circulated for side dishes to go with turkey.

Membership list for corrections also circulated.

Chris Von Kohn was congratulated on the new job at the National Garden in Washington D.C.

Discussion ensued about rules of gift exchange for the Dec meeting. \$10-15 gift. Third time gift moves, it is frozen.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30. 30 Members present.

Susan❖

Tarrant Area Food Bank

Janet Von Kohn did some comprehensive research and provided us with a list of items they will accept. As we are NOT a food industry source, I have removed the items they CAN NOT accept from individuals from this list.

However, the list is long and varied. Please bring a few items from this list for donation,

Canned Protein - (Tuna, Salmon, Chicken, Ham, Stew, Chili, etc.)
Canned Fruit
Canned Vegetables
Dried Beans
Boxed Pastas
Rice
Canned Soups
Dehydrated Soups
Juices
Peanut Butter
Cereals
Boxed meal helpers
Snacks
Powdered Milk
Baby Formula (from food industry only)
Toiletries (Shampoo, bath soap, toothbrushes, etc.)
Laundry Soap
Paper Goods
Cleaning Products
Diapers
Feminine Products

Ken❖

Jim❖

Daylily Delight: Man finds joy growing, caring for flowers

<http://tinyurl.com/nzfn6ls>

For 87-year-old Paul Cranford, daylilies bring brightness and beauty not just to his backyard but his everyday life.

Cranford, who lives in Connelly Springs, participated in the 2014 American Hemerocallis (Daylily) Society National Convention for the first time this year. The convention, which started in Asheville on Wednesday, brought hundreds of people from all around the country to tour area gardens. Eager visitors toured "Paul Cranford's Garden" on Friday and Saturday to

look at and take pictures of the beautiful flowers and meet the man who grows them.



Daylilies are an adaptable and unique type of flower, seeing that each flower only lasts for one day. The word “hemerocallis” comes from the Greek word that is made up of two parts: hemera meaning “day” and kallos meaning “beauty.” Each daylily plant has many flower buds that produce a variety of different colors and flowers that are stunning to look at, even if for a short time.

Cranford said he has been growing daylilies for about 25 to 30 years now and they are simply a passion and a hobby.

“I just think they are beautiful,” he said. “It’s just a nice pleasure.”

Although this is his first year showing his garden in the national convention, Cranford has been showing his daylilies to friends and family for a long time, and held a garden party at his home last year.

Cranford said he has about 500 different varieties of daylilies in his garden, and no two of them are alike.

Cranford, who used to work with horses for years, said the first time he discovered the beauty of a daylily was when he was at a horse show and was captivated by a flower he stumbled across. From that point on, he wanted to find out how to start growing his own.

In order to create so many different colored daylilies, you cross-pollinate, or hybridize them to form new flowers, Cranford said.

Cranford said he has both bought daylilies and hybridized them himself, and has even named a few after family members, such as his sister-in-law. One of his daylilies is even named “Marilyn Monroe.”

Cranford moved into his Connelly Springs home on Rhodhiss Road four years ago, and he was happy that the leveled land would make it easier to plant his massive daylily garden, as opposed to the hilly land he has dealt with before.

Friday brought seven buses to Cranford’s garden, with 54 people on each bus, and six arrived on Saturday.

People traveled far and wide from places such as Canada, England and Hawaii to further their love for flowers.

Most of the daylilies in his garden people probably have never seen before, Cranford said, and they will enjoy them.

“They grow them, and it’s their hobby and pastime,” he said.

The task of planting and taking care of daylilies sadly has become very difficult for Cranford, due to him being diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis. Although he still wants to keep growing daylilies, he is unable to bend over anymore to plant and care for them, at the risk of cutting off his oxygen. He has people who come over to help care for and keep the daylilies alive now, he said.

Despite his health troubles, he still is on the go in his garden. Cranford greeted the convention visitors from his golf cart, and drives it around daily so that he can still view his favorite flowers.

He hopes to always have daylilies, but has showed them to crowds for the last time at the convention.

“I hate to give them up, but I can’t do them anymore,” he said. “My health won’t let me. (But) if I’m still alive, I’ll have some daylilies.”

Cranford’s niece, Brenda Belverd, said his love for daylilies remains strong, and she still wonders how he knows so many of the flowers’ names by heart.

“Every day, he takes that golf cart and goes by and looks at each daylily,” she said. “That golf cart was a blessing.”

The excitement he has for growing and showing daylilies has brought joy to his life, Belverd said.

“This is what he lives for,” she said. “He said, ‘Oh, doctor, can you keep me alive until my showing?’ It’s given him something to live for. This is just a passion of his. He loves it.”

**News Herald,
Brianna Fleming bfleming@morganton.com ❖**

SUNSHINE REPORT

Our thoughts and prayers are with Linda Grigsby after losing her husband.

Jim ❖

NOVEMBER HOST/HOUSTESS – THANKSGIVING SIDES

Club provided 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!

DECEMBER HOST/HOUSTESS – CHRISTMAS SIDES

Club to provide turkey (cooked by Nickie), sides provided by: Janet Howie, Shirlene Holt, Vernon Wallis, Kathy Koogler, Linda Long, Sally Lloyd, Merita Knapp, Susan Austin, Lee Gibson, Janet Von Kohn, Rich Miller, Tom and Diane Bevel, Margaret Cline, Deby Hill, Esther Strawn, Gail Williams, and Dee Dee Thompson

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens
Time 7:00 PM, December 18th 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

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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**

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