



THE GARDEN GATE

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JOHN'S JOTTINGS

Bingo was super!!!

I do not remember the Bingo game being as much fun as it was last meeting. I am thankful to each and every one who brought the plants. The plant-prize table was so very full I thought that we would be there all night long. But the evening went fast and the prizes disappeared quickly. Our Bingo callers, Tom and Helene Welches, did a very good job: thank you very much. There was one plant, H. Shirley' Aura brought as a prize. I have been looking to get it for a while, and I got it. Thank you.

The November meeting will be just as great. There are few meals that compare to good Turkey-ham and dressing at Thanksgiving. And there are few times as pleasant as being with Friends and Family at this season. I

appreciate those who have committed to cook and bring the meal. I know it will be as good as, if not better, than the one we had last year. And I look forward to this time of fellowship and feeding at the meeting. See you at the meeting. And IF I do not see you at the meeting: Have a Happy Thanksgiving. SEE YOU AT THE MEETING.

John❖

Program

Annual heirloom / antique plant and seed exchange. As usual, if you do not have any to swap, small garden items, yard art, bird house, etc are fine.

Meeting will start early at 7 PM November 21st

Linda❖

Treasurer's Note

2014 Dues can be paid now. Nomination Committee must be appointed at November meeting. We also need to select charity for yearly donations.

Rules for Chinese Gift Exchange (from last year)

Each member brings a wrapped gift, \$10 to \$15.

- By turn, member selects wrapped gift or steals opened gift
- Victim then does the same
- When person has had 2 gifts stolen, 3rd gift is frozen.

OR

- When GIFT has been stolen twice IT is frozen

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- At end, first member gets to swap their gift for any non-frozen gift.

Correct??

Shirlene ❖

Secretary's report

October report next month.

We are again working on our web site. MORE PICTURES PLEASE!! If in doubt, send them, but with some description please. I still have Ken's to finish uploading.

Facebook fans: Check out

<https://www.facebook.com/northtexasdaylilyociety>

Do you 'like us?' [OK, that was kinda bad.]

Sorry to miss our Thanksgiving meeting but my son is getting married in Austin Friday.

PS: I am a member of Clark Gardens in Mineral Wells. They posted on their Facebook page that they were giving members a free bag of daylilies. Not labeled, but free. I expected a brown paper bag of plants. Nope. Half a black plastic garbage bag full. I'm guessing 50 or so plants. Took me a while to find places for them. Hope they're pretty!

Susan Austin ❖

Amerson Needs to Downsize

As most of you know, following my recent heart problems, my cardiac doctors recommended that I downsize and move to a Senior Living Facility. I have found such a facility in Carrollton and need to get on their Waiting List for a one-bedroom apartment. The Application Fee is \$20 and the Refundable Deposit is \$150. The lease would be \$727 per month. If possible, I would like to get on the Waiting List early next week.. I would not move until an apartment is available. That may be after the first of the year.

In the meantime, I need to raise some cash. I have a number of my self-published hard-bound books – The CORAL CARRIER – for sale. The price is \$25 hand delivered and \$30 mailed. This historical book is about French Frigate Shoals, one of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. I will have copies at various upcoming garden club meetings. Or send me a check; the address is 13723 Littlecrest Drive, Farmers Branch, TX 75234. I also have excess furniture and garden pottery and art that I need to sell. Call me (972-798-7578) and come see and make me an offer.

Binion Amerson ❖

New daylilies like *VT Spirit* years in the making

October 26, 2013 | By Kathy Van Mullekom, Special to the Daily Press

There are 70,000 registered daylilies, according to gardening experts, and no two are alike – thanks to breeders like Linda Pinkham of Isle of Wight County and Bill DuPaul of Gloucester County.

One of those daylily gems is the new *VT Spirit*, which has been out several years in limited supply but is now widely available at nursery and garden centers statewide, according to a news release from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Beautiful Gardens plant introduction program of the Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association. Hobbyist and professional gardeners statewide choose finalists that are annually spotlighted at garden centers as specially labeled Plants of Distinction.

The *VT Spirit* daylily is maroon and orange, just like the Virginia Tech school colors. Like all daylilies, it's a perennial that will take a year or two to reach its prime blooming potential in the home garden.

The new daylily's evolution was an experiment on Pinkham's part.

"*VT Spirit* is a sterile daylily," said Pinkham, a member of the Tidewater Daylily Society and a Virginia Tech alumna.



[NOTE: AHS has *VT Spirit* registered as a **Triploid**]

She is also chair of the plant selection committee for the Beautiful Gardens program, which has test sites at Norfolk Botanical Garden, the Claytor Nature Study Center at Lynchburg College, and the Urban Hort Center at Virginia Tech. The sites cover the various climatic conditions in Virginia. She and horticulturist husband Bill Pinkham also grow many of the plants on her six-acre property.

"It does not produce any pods and the development of an assortment of these sterile ones was undertaken by myself and the VT lab in Danville, at the Institute of Advanced Learning and Research.

"The goal was to determine if creating sterility in the plants would result in a longer bloom season as it did with the Rose-of-Sharon (*Hibiscus syriacus*).

"I made the crosses in my yard using daylilies I considered to be good rebloomers. When the pods were 12 days old, I overnighed them to the lab in Danville and they performed embryo rescue to create the plants.

"This is not how most daylilies are created," she said. "It was an experiment."

Pinkham, who puts out 2,000 new seedlings annually, strives to produce more long-blooming daylilies with good bud count and disease resistance.

"Everyone wants one that the deer don't like, but that would require magic," she said.

One of her latest babies is a daylily called the Purple Lady, named in honor of a Suffolk woman who always dressed in purple and painted utility poles to match her purple house.

"I picked her up years ago, maybe 25, when she was hitch-hiking down Route 17 toward Portsmouth," Pinkham said. "She was a sight to behold in her purple turban and robe."

Pinkham recently found the Purple Lady again. Rachel Presha, born in 1925, was living with her daughter in the Churchland area of Suffolk.

"She seemed pleased with the picture of the flower," says Linda, who hopes to have the daylily ready for introduction next year.

"Purple Lady was from a cross I made in 2007. At one point this summer, it had 22 blooms open on the same day. It was quite a sight."

In Gloucester, Bill DuPaul became interested in daylilies about 13 years ago when he brought his first plants in North Carolina while driving back from a Nags Head, N.C., vacation.

"When they bloomed the following year, I was hooked," he said. "The form and clarity of color surprised me."

Having just built a new home on three acres in Ware Neck, DuPaul knew he wanted more daylilies. Shortly, he met Jerry Dickerson who has a daylily farm in Gloucester and purchased many more plants. Then, he tried hybridizing his own and joined the Tidewater Daylily Society.

Today, DuPaul has about 500 daylilies in pots and 75 in landscaped beds.

Each year, he grows 200-300 new hybrids that he sells through the Williamsburg Farmers Market and displays in his gardens, which are open to the public on advance notice. To contact DuPaul about daylilies, email dupaul@vims.edu.

"Daylilies are easy to grow and require little attention but they are very rewarding with extra care with watering, fertilizer and mulch," he said.

Contact Kathy at kvanmullekom@aol.com.

Online

Tidewater Daylily Society at <http://www.tidewaterdaylilysociety.org>

American Daylily Society at <http://www.daylilies.org>

Beautiful Gardens at <http://www.beautifulgardens.org>

Daylily details

Common name: Daylily. Yes, a daylily bloom is there today and gone tomorrow, but you don't notice it because numerous new flowers arrive daily.

Botanical name: *Hemerocallis* (pronounced: hehm uh roh kal'uhz)

Daylilies need: Six hours of sun daily; afternoon shade is OK. They do well in most soils — sand to clay — but well-drained soil amended with compost is best. Daylilies also tolerate occasional saltwater tidal flooding and salt spray.



Illustration 1: *Miracle Edge* has a long bloom time, says Bill DuPaul. (Photo courtesy Bill DuPaul,...)

SUNSHINE REPORT

Linda Long is recovering from out patient surgery (and Ken is complaining). Keep HER in your thoughts.

Grenetta Bledsoe is recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery

Rick Lee has Acute Myeloid Leukemia and will enter Harris, Ft Worth, on 18th for a month of chemo / rehab. Lets all keep Rick in our thoughts and prayers.

Ken❖

OCTOBER HOST/HOESSE

BINGO! Club (officers) served ice cream, members brought snacks.

Thanks!

NOVEMBER HOST/HOESSE

Club provides ham (cooked by Vernon) and turkey (Cooked by Margaret), Mike and Dee Dee Thompson, Shirlene Holt, Dodie Skrasek, Cathy Koogler, Janet Howie, John and Nancy Hamm, Gail Williams, Sylvan Sigler, Peggy Harris, Tom and Diane Bevel, Ester Strawn, Kathleen Whiteway, Cliff Russell, Sharon Bartlett, E J Lee, Peggy Skinner, Grenetta Bledsoe

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens
Time 7:00 PM, November 21st 2013

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,

Shows n Sales

AHS

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NEXT Meeting Early at 7PM, November 21st

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

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