



THE GARDEN GATE

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TUCKER'S TALK

Welcome to 2019! I hope everyone had a safe, healthy, happy holiday season.

I am assuming that everyone is enjoying the mild winter that we are having so far. I have seen iris, delphiniums, and even a Bradford pear tree that all think that spring is already here. They would all be wrong of course. Hopefully the temperatures will start to decline slowly and actually give us an actual winter. Here's hoping February will help us, we will see.

As for our beloved daylilies, there isn't much to do right now, except for one very important task. Remove all the old foliage that isn't green anymore or any foliage that is green that show even the slightest speck of disease. Rust is what we are looking for the most. Getting your beds cleaned up now we greatly enhance the look of the garden when spring does arrive, after the aforementioned winter that we need

and want.

Remember that membership dues are required and everyone that has not paid needs to get the to Linda at the next meeting if not before. The next meeting should be fun with a surprise menu given to us by Jim and Sharon that you should find in this newsletter and little farther down. Hope to see everyone there.

Tucker ⇨

Secretary's report

December 20, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Members: 16 Visitor: 1

Secretary's Report approved as written (proposed Joyce, seconded by Keith)

Treasurers Report approved as written (proposed by Vernon and seconded by Joyce)

Old Business

We will begin planning the show in depth at the next meeting. We will need a show chair, so if you are interested be ready to volunteer.

The club will continue using disposable utensils until we run out. At that point we will begin to use real silverware.

AHS memberships expire at the end of the month. Please renew yours as soon as you can. It can be done completely online. Also, don't forget your club dues.

New Business

Larry Pike is no longer doing the regional newsletter.

Albuquerque is coming up on June 27-30, 2019. This year's theme is "Sandia Sunset Celebration". It should be lots of fun.

Nacogdoches club is disbanding.

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White Elephant exchange rules were went over...touch three times

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15ish

Rebecca ❖

HELP!

First, Tim Closs really needs or a picture of the '**Little Orange Tex**' that he entered in the show last year. It is the only one that he doesn't have a picture of and needs one if anyone has it. It needs to be the one from the show, not just a picture of from someones garden. AHS has requested it from him. If you do have a picture of it, please contact Tim Closs,

972 734 2858. b-cfarm@att.net

Next, refreshments. We did not discuss January refreshments at December meeting, too busy scoping out gifts I guess. And Tucker has graciously assigned (or dumped) the menu to Sharon and I. Given the zero background, lets do POT LUCK.

Sharon is bringing White Chicken Chile, Vernon his Chicken Vegetable, and the all the club officers are bringing 'something'.

Jim ❖



BOTANIC GARDEN
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1/7/2019

Dear North Texas Daylily Society:

Thank you for your contribution to The Fort Worth Botanic Garden. Your gift is much appreciated and critical to supporting our efforts. Such generous contributions assist the Garden in achieving its mission to education, inform, and inspire people about the importance of plant life and nature.

Each year, hundreds of thousands of visitors enjoy the beauty of the Garden and students of all ages learn about the environment, the ecology of Tarrant County, and how to be good stewards of our natural resources.

There is no adequate way to express our gratitude for the generosity of donors like you who demonstrate their support again and again. We hope you will be able to visit often and enjoy the Garden that you help to make a reality.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Bob Byers
Garden Director

Donation Acknowledgement: Conservatory Fund, Check# 1881, Date: 12/14/2018, In the Amount of: \$200.00.

Susan ❖

Region 6 GARDEN JUDGES WORKSHOP 1 - NOW ONLINE!



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What is a Garden Judge?

Garden judges perform consistent and impartial evaluations of daylily performance in garden settings. Based on observations in their own region or a national convention, garden judges vote the AHS Awards and Honors ballot. Results of this voting focuses attention on daylilies which many garden judges consider outstanding garden performers in their regions. Garden Judges select the majority of AHS Cultivar Awards each year, including the Stout Silver Medal, AHS's highest award given to a cultivar.

Two class offerings: January 12 (10am EST) and January 17 (7pm EST). Free, online course for credit. Must be an AHS member for 12 months prior to training.

RSVP to judgeseducation@daylilies.org. Please note the date of the class you will be attending. The course will be offered via WebEx (an online conferencing tool) and private links to the meeting will be sent once eligibility is confirmed.

What are the steps I need to follow to become a garden judge?

1) You must have been an AHS Member for at least 12 calendar months to begin training. (When you send in an application to become a judge at the end of your training, you must have been an AHS member for 24 calendar months.) **Eligibility will be determined before admitted.

2)* Very important: Before you take any workshops, read Chapters 1 and 2 of the Garden Judges' Handbook Judging Daylilies in the Garden. Need the FREE PDF of the Garden Judges Handbook? Download it from the Portal
here: <https://www.daylilynetwork.org/page/GardenJudgesHome>

3) TakeGarden JudgesWorkshop 1(approx. 2 hrs.) This is taught by instructors using a Power Point. Students must pass written, timed, open book, online exam with at least 70% to receive credit.

4) TakeGarden Judges Workshop 2(approx. 2 1/2hrs.) This part of the class is taught in a garden, and students learn to evaluate registered cultivars and seedlings with accredited instructors. These workshops are offered at Regional Summer meetings and National meetings and at times, are sponsored by daylily clubs.

5) After completing both workshops, you must fill out and send an "Application for Appointment as a Garden Judge" to your RP (Regional President). Your RP will send the form to the Garden Judges Records chair, who will notify you of your appointment for a five-year term as a garden judge.

6) Garden judges should grow a variety of cultivars of various forms and sizes in order to better learn to evaluate the "complete garden plant" and to become familiar with all types of daylilies. Particular attention should be given to growing a sampling of regionally hybridized cultivars. Judges should also visit as many gardens as possible during bloom season and to attend Regional and National meetings.

Scott Elliott

AHS Judges Education Chair

Whom do I contact for more information?

You may contact the Judges Education Chair (judgeseducation@daylilies.org)

Sandia Sunset Celebration

I have posted a copy of the 2019 Region 6 Meeting Schedule & Registration Form on the Region 6 website.

"Sandia Sunset Celebration"

June 27-29, 2019

Albuquerque, NM

Hosted by Albuquerque Daylily Society

http://www.ahsregion6.com/regional_meeting.htm

Today, Claude Carpenter released the 2019 Hybridizer Letter and Nomination Form on Facebook.

Many of you are not on Facebook, and even fewer of you are nominating hybridizers, but you could get questions on the process, the letter or new the new emphasis of hybridizer ethics.

Here is Claude's post from today, with a link to the Nomination Form.

You might share this announcement and link with your regions – anyone is able to nominate based on the criteria provided.

Secure online registration for the Region 6 Meeting, June 27-30, 2019, is now available. The Meeting is hosted by the Albuquerque Daylily Society.

http://www.ahsregion6.com/regional_meeting.htm

My thanks to Margo Murdock for providing this information.

Ray Houston, Reg 6 ❖

Compulsion grows the colorful collection

CAROL REESE, Special to The Jackson Sun
<https://tinyurl.com/yd8f6h6w>

Fellow Mississippian Felder Rushing's presentations are often filled with memorable observations that make you laugh. I'll always remember his slide of an army of aluminum stakes spread over a vast area of frosted mulch, which he captioned (verbally) "A hosta collector's garden in winter".

I had often voiced my dislike of the collector's garden, especially the obsessive iris or daylily gardens so common in the south, but Felder's image made the point wordlessly. Obviously (it seems) a garden gives many more months of pleasure if it houses plants that offer different seasons of interest, but the other point is that after I have seen the 25th daylily, I am no longer paying attention to the detailed differences in petal length, color and texture that seem so impressive to the tour leader. No, I'm trying to figure out if the bird in the fencerow is an indigo bunting or a blue grosbeak. My eyes dart furtively to the other gardeners to see if anyone notices I'm no longer paying attention. Entertaining (I thought) jokes about daylily edibility are not appreciated.

I didn't understand the collection fever, until I contracted it. Perennial salvias snagged me (some allegedly perennial), and I developed a penchant for buying every osmanthus I can find in the trade. I also confess to having maybe twenty different Japanese maples, which isn't a lot when measured against a few of my friends who have up to seven times that many.

Last year on my way home from Christmas shindigs, I stopped at an odd store in Tupelo Mississippi. It sells John Deere tractors, cowboy boots, hummingbird feeders, hardware, and sometimes puzzling garden ornaments. The area devoted to plants is always mostly a bust, but also almost always offers an unusual find, or a very good plant at a price that makes me struggle to keep my poker face.

The find on this stop was an amazing array of amaryllis bulbs. Many of us know the typical red known sometimes as "Christmas amaryllis" because the plant can be tricked into blooming just in time for the holidays, though in a natural outdoor setting it is a late spring or early summer bloomer. I had also grown a white form, and a pink and white form called Apple Blossoms. Perhaps I should have known there were more, but had no inkling there were so many.

--snip--

SUNSHINE REPORT

Jim❖

DECEMBER HOST/HOUSTESS -

CHRISTMAS - CROCKPOT SOUPS / CHILI

Vernon Wallis, Joyce Valdez, Linda Long, Dennis Miller,
Nickie Night, Ann Martin, Susan Austin, Tucker & Rebecca
Reed, Janet von Kohn, Ester Strawn, Rich Miller, and Sharon
Bartlett

Thanks so much!



JANUARY HOST/HOUSTESS -

POT LUCK

Sharon is bringing White Chicken Chile, Vernon his Chicken
Vegetable soup, and the **all the club officers** are bringing
'something'. Please contribute.

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens

Time 7:00 PM, December 20th 2018

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 Public Library

Time 2:00 PM, Second Sunday,
Jan-May, Oct-Nov

Shows n Sales

AHS Regionals

Reg 6, June 27-29, 2019 Albuquerque, NM

AHS

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

Linda Long

N T D S TREASURER,

116 Encino Springs Lane

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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