



THE GARDEN GATE

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TUCKER'S TALK

Spring has finally sprung and I'm sure all of you are as busy as I am. The bulbs are done, the Iris are starting, and now is the time to start thinking about our daylilies. If you are like this family, you always have the correct intentions of feeding and spraying to get the most out of our bloom season and never quite get there. Well set a calendar reminder and start feeding if you aren't already. Granular is best for the meat and potatoes portion of your meal but every so often you want to get a little more out of life and that is where liquid feeds come in. My one suggestion is that if you use the liquid feeds, use them often. They don't last very long and should be applied every couple of weeks. Don't overdo it when you use them, go with the suggested rates or a

little less. This is not a time to go overboard and then watch your foliage burn. Also, watch for the little creatures that love to munch on your plants and spray as soon as you see them or their damage. Use what makes you happy, but read the labels and try not to hurt the bees. After seeing a 20 - 30 thousand member hive in the middle of a broken tree today (thanks, Texas wind), it makes me want to protect them even more I already did. Enjoy the Spring and all the resurgence of life that is occurring and like they say, stop and smell the roses (or any flower for that matter) from time to time. Hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

And, for the record, **2019 Dues are Due!**

Tucker❖

Secretary's report

Meeting convened at 7:08 p.m. on March 21, 2019 night of worm supermoon.

A motion was made by Ester to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Seconded by Cathy. Motion was approved.

A motion was made by Cathy to approve the treasurer's report. Seconded by Keith. Motion was approved.

Old Business:

AHS is not pleased because we don't have a sufficiently high ratio of national from our local membership to have an accredited show. This is more a reflection on the current state of our membership rolls than the fact we don't have enough

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national members in the club, so show is still on. Rebecca is working on the book for the show. Dennis has indicated he will volunteer for the show in whatever capacity needed. We will have an intern for judging during the show. Dallas may not have a large enough group to have a show. Need volunteers to head up the Fall sale. Ken will help if Janet will also.

New Business:

Potluck is the theme for next month's meal. This theme gives Tucker the "sads", according to Rebecca.

Considering a road trip to Big Chicken Daylily Farm. Botanic society wants to know if we are participating in the Spring Sale. No. In a change to procedure, each club now must collect sales and then send 20% check to the Botanic society.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Janet ❖

Speaker

This month's speaker will be Bob Byers, Fort Worth Botanical Garden Director. He will be sharing what is going on in the garden as well as some of the plans for the garden in the future.

[bring your questions, :o) jim]

Rebecca ❖

How To Be A Texas Gardener

By Steven Chamblee, Parker County Master Gardeners

First off, if you're lucky enough to meet a Texas gardener, take a moment to show some respect. Even a single season of gardening in Texas can take quite a toll on what used to be a normal person. A few seasons in the searing sun can render one's mind and body into something resembling a crumpled-up newspaper. Those folks who've survived fifty years of Lone Star gardening ought to receive some kind of golden medallion from the governor. Not that they'd wear it...dangly stuff just gets in the way...but they could show it to the grandkids and make up stories about out-swimming Mark Spitz. Might as well say Jesse Owens or Jim Thorpe...the grandkids wouldn't know them, either. Maybe call it, "The Luther Burbank-Liberty Hyde Bailey Grand Medal of Horticultural Endurance." Nah. Tell 'em George Strait gave it to you on New Year's

Eve. If they don't know who George Strait is... well...shame on YOU.

1. Git yer hopes up...way up. Tell yourself stuff like, "How hard could it be?" and "If ugly ol' Cousin Verne can do it..." (You just don't know that Cousin Verne used to resemble a young Brad Pitt.) Tell yourself that Sperry and the rest of these goobers are clueless wimps and that you are the master of your manifest horticultural destiny.
2. Get yourself primed by watching some English gardening TV shows, then march yourself right down to the local big box store and spend three months' salary on whatever that 18 year-old garden expert tells you is good. Remember...wearing a three-dollar vest beats a college education any day of the week.
3. Blow off soil preparation, thoughtful design, and all that other time-wasting jazz. Just plant all that stuff in a paisley pattern. Make sure to put that Mimosa tree right up close to the front door to "frame it" real purty.
4. Water it once and consider the job done. Mix yourself up a pitcher of margaritas as a reward.
5. Wait four months.
6. Mix yourself up a pitcher of margaritas to take the edge off the realization you blew three months' salary on a bunch of dead stuff...dead stuff that you now have to dig up and throw away.
7. Have a good cry.
8. Talk to Jesus.
9. He will likely tell you to make a compost bin for all that dead stuff.
10. Remind yourself, while you're digging up the dead stuff, that this will all be funny one day.
11. Remind yourself that the best answer to any question is, "Ask someone who knows."
12. Quietly acquire a copy of Neil Sperry's Lone Star Gardening. Just looking at the pictures actually WILL help you, but perhaps it's best to read a little here and there.
13. Memorize a few terms. I suggest "tilth," "deadhead," "rhizome," "zoysia," and "pecan." And don't ever say, "pee-can." It's "puh-cahn." This is Texas.

14. Quietly acquire a dozen or two of those half-inch thick bakery cookies (both chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin—don't get cheap on me now), then nonchalantly walk into your local Texas AgriLife office and ask for directions to a good local independent nursery. The question/cookie combo should be sufficient to attract several Master Gardeners to you and initiate a lengthy (or until the cookies run out) conversation on good nurseries, best plants for your area, soil preparation, who's who among the Master Gardeners, and which one of them lives right down the block from you (and is about to become your new best friend).
15. Nonchalantly ask if the Master Gardeners have a plant sale. (In Parker County, it's April 13, 8am to noon at the AgriLife building.) Stifle your desire to shout, "YEAH, BABY!"
16. Go meet your new best friend (more cookies...) and nonchalantly discuss the weather, plants, nurseries, gardening accoutrements...and maybe even a plan for your place.
17. Make a plan and write it down. Sometimes an epiphany on Monday is gone by Tuesday. Of course, sometimes that's a good thing. Don't be afraid to change your mind...do you really want to put the barbeque grill in the afternoon sun?...because it's a whole lot easier to change something on paper than it is to dig up thirty shrubs.
18. Now get busy before it gets hot outside... don't forget sunscreen.
19. And play some George Strait for the grandkids.

Come see me! I'll be presenting "Great Garden Ideas" in Coleman, Texas on March 28. For more details, [click here](#).

Do you or someone you know want to work with me at Chandor Gardens? We've got an open position! E-mail me at schamblee@weatherfordtx.gov for more details. Please include a resume.

Parker County Master Gardener Plant Sale is almost here! Lots of Texas Tough and hard-to-find plants! For more details, [click here](#).

I need a road trip! Let me know if you'd like me to come and speak to your group sometime. I'm low maintenance, flexible, and you know I like to go just about anywhere. No city too big; no town too small.

Just send me an e-mail at stevenchamblee@yahoo.com and we'll work something out.

Come out and see me at Chandor Gardens! Located in the heart of Weatherford's Historic District, Chandor Gardens is the perfect place to get away and enjoy the simple pleasures of life that can only be found in gardens. Call 817-613-1700 or visit www.chandorgardens.com for details.

Posted by Steven Chamblee

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From <https://neilsperry.com/2019/03/native-son-march-21-2019/>

Publishers choice, grandson Jeffrey, 7 months.

Because I can..... jim



SUNSHINE REPORT

Jim❖

MARCH HOST/HOUSTESS - MEXICAN

Ester Strawn, Rich Miller, Kristi Kolpanen, Susan Austin,
Rebecca Reed, Janet Von Kohn, Linda Long, Nickie Knight,
Ann Martin, Dennis Niles, Vernon Wallis, Joyce Valdez, and
Sharon Bartlett,

Thanks so much!



APRIL HOST/HOUSTESS - POT LUCK

Joyce Valdez, Vernon Wallis, Ann Martin, Linda Long, Ester
Strawn, Cathy Koogler, Rich Miller, Tucker & Rebecca Reed,
Janet Von Kohn, and Sharon Bartlett,

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens
Time 7:00 PM, April 18th 2019

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

**Brazosport Meeting @ Lake Jackson Civic
Center**
Time 2:30 PM, March 10, 2019,
Speaker Dan Hansen from Ladybug Daylilies
with auction

Shows n Sales
NTDS show, June 1st, 2019
Open to public after judging

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

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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