



# THE GARDEN GATE

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## TUCKERS' TALK

Spring has sprung! That's the good thing. Now to clean up the winter destruction. That's the bad thing. Although I love to be in the garden, I could certainly go without the worn out muscles and aching back that will come with the cleanup. Just as a reminder, we discussed feeding the garden with granular fertilizers at the last meeting and if you haven't done so yet, you should get on this. It's not too late but with the pace that the plants are growing in these comfortable temperatures that we are having now, it will only get harder and harder.

Thoughts for the next meeting. We

have been asked to provide a raffle basket for the regional meeting, please bring ideas. We are also going to be discussing the future of our sales. Bring any and all ideas that you may have.

Have fun getting your hands dirty and we will see you all on the 15th.

Tucker ❖

## Secretary's report

February 15, 2018

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05

Members 22

### Old Business

Sectaries and treasure's report were approved as written.

(John made a motion, Rich

Membership are due

### Banking update

The application for incorporation has been sent in. Should come soon to Tucker's house. Then we can get all the banking cleared up. We are setting it up so going forward that we will not need to do this again. Since we are incorporating ourselves we will only pay \$5/year to update when we change officers, rather than paying the Garden Clubs \$50/year.

## Officers

### President

Tucker Reed

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Check that your contact information is correct. Update with Jim.

Show report: We went over changes that needed to be made to the program and members signed up for volunteer positions. Ken made a motion for \$50 for John to buy prizes for unaccredited (Vern seconded), vote passed. Two judges will need one hotel room and John made a motion to approve with changes, Ken seconded, vote passed

#### New Business

- We will have "picnic themed food" for next meeting
- Region 6 regional meeting in Brazosport information had been posted:  
[http://www.ahsregion6.com/regional\\_meeting.htm](http://www.ahsregion6.com/regional_meeting.htm)
- We will be discussing how we want to handle the sales at the next meeting. Please come prepared with ideas/opinions for them. (Spring? Fall? Or Spring and Fall? Member donations, buy in, combo)
- Garden Visits: do you want to do it, who, where, how
- Dallas show will be May 26<sup>th</sup>, think about entering some flowers

Seasonal Tip: It's a great time of year to clean up your foliage and fertilize (low number granular is best this time of year). Avoid getting fertilizer on the crown, put it in a ring around the plant. It will burn the crown if you let it sit there.

#### Announcements and Sunshine report

1. Kathy and Jim are sick
2. Wash your hands. It's a bad year for flu.
3. Send money to treasurer for membership, not to Nicki.

Adjourned for food and fellowship 7:45

**Rebecca** ❖

## Program

This month we will welcome Happy and Gordon Carver to deliver our program. We know them well, as they are the ones who call the Bingo for us in the Fall. The Carvers are experts in growing IRIS and several of our members are very interested in how to get better results from their IRIS garden. The Carvers will have some great information for us.

PLEASE be present for another interesting program about a flower that many of us also like to grow.

**John** ❖

## 2018 Region 6 Meeting "Beautiful Brazosport in Bloom"

I am attaching an invitation plus the registration form for the upcoming Regional 6 meeting that will be held in Lake Jackson on May 17-19. Our theme for this event is Beautiful Brazosport in Bloom. There will be six gardens on tour with lunches in much different places than before.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

[http://www.ahsregion6.com/documents/2018-regional\\_schedule.pdf](http://www.ahsregion6.com/documents/2018-regional_schedule.pdf)

Hope to see you there, [dlera2@outlook.com](mailto:dlera2@outlook.com)

**Eddie Raye Andrews** ❖

## Lily's beauty is reborn with the sun

<http://tinyurl.com/yc8pwqmq>

Hemerocallis or the daylily was known in Britain during the 16th century and before that it had grown wild in eastern Asia as early Chinese paintings have illustrated.

Hemerocallis fulva was one of the many Hemerocallis species introduced into Britain from China, Europe and Japan by the Romans, and later by plant hunters such as John Parkinson

When first grown in Britain it was disapprovingly referred to as the 'lily for a day', but today's gardeners greatly admire this plant for its tenacity to produce a succession of stunning blooms, with each one lasting only a day, over a long growing season from summer to autumn.

A well-established plant may have 50 flowers.

The influence of *Hemerocallis fulva* can still be seen in our modern hybrids that now contain a vast colour range of elegant, strong-growing, large-flowered garden cultivars. Our present garden forms come in beautiful shades of yellow, apricot, red and mauve.

Some cultivars have deep red, gold, russet, pale yellow, orange-red or salmon blooms. The stamens can be used as a saffron colour substitute.

Today, this member of the Hemerocallidaceae family carries a classification and categorisation system that is complex and bewildering, for they are not only classed by colour, form and pattern but also by foliage, flowering time and flower size.

Daylilies are extremely hardy perennials that like to grow in clumps. The slender iris-like foliage looks rather attractive particularly when first emerging from the crown in spring.

The delicately perfumed, lily-like flowers are funnel-to bell-shaped and usually have six petals joined at the base. They are borne in clusters of three to 30 at the top of smooth, strong stems.

In the landscape they look great planted in woodland settings among rhododendrons and azaleas or planted in groups to the edge of a water feature.

They are equally at home growing in large pots to decorate patios or decked areas or in the traditional herbaceous border. A mass planting of a single colour looks particularly effective.

A colour combination that works well is pale yellow daylilies planted among purple-foliaged plants. The one dislike they have is to be choked out or over-shadowed by other large, broad-leafed plants.

For best results plant the bulbous roots in autumn to winter, 10 centimetres deep and 30 centimetres apart, in a sunny to light-shaded position in moist, well-draining soil rich in organic matter.

You need to divide the clumps from time to time to reinvigorate them, as failing to do so can result in poor flowering and an over-abundance of foliage. Pull apart the root clumps in autumn/winter and

replant new divisions. Leave the evergreen types till spring.

The older cultivars relish being divided every second year due to their vigorous growth habit. Slower growers are best left for three to four years.

## Story Behind *Hemerocallis* 'Siloam Leo Sharp'

In 2011, at the age of 87, Leo Sharp was arrested by Michigan State Police, while in possession of more than 200 pounds of cocaine (lane change traffic stop).

For just under a decade, he was one of the most prolific drug mules for the Sinaloa Cartel, lead by the infamous El Chapo. DEA agents had tracked him down through wiretapped phone conversations with cartel leaders, who only identified this drug mule by the nickname "Tata," the Spanish word for "grandfather." Not only did Leo Sharp have no criminal record before this arrest, he was a decorated World War II veteran who received the Bronze Star Medal for his service, and later became a world-renowned horticulturist, best known for creating new hybrids of flowers (*Brookwood gardens*, over 150 AHS registrations).

The the daylily "*Hemerocallis* 'Siloam Leo Sharp'" is named after him.

At his trial, his defense team argued that Leo Sharp had suffered from dementia, which set him down this unlikely path to become the most prolific drug courier in Detroit for a massive drug cartel. The judge issued a three-year prison sentence on his 90th birthday, after his defense stated that he would not do well in prison with his dementia. In June 2015, prosecutors convinced a Detroit federal judge that he should be released early, due to his declining health. He was said to have a terminal illness and was not expected to live more than six months, but upon his release from prison, he lived for more than a year and a half, before dying in December 2016, at the age of 92. He is buried in the Hawaii Punchbowl National Cemetery.

Clint Eastwood owns movie rights and is planning on directing and starring.

# SUNSHINE REPORT

Jim is recovering.

Jim ❖

## FEBRUARY HOST/HOESSESS - ITALIAN.

Dennis Niles - Salad, Rich Miller - Dessert, Cathy Koogler - Pasta, Ann - Dessert, Rita Baker - Salad, Rebecca & Tucker Reed- a main dish, Linda Long - Dessert, Joyce Valdez - something, Vernon Wallis - Pecan Pie, Margaret Cline - crock pot lasagna & garlic bread, and Nickie Knight - something

*Thanks so much!*



## MARCH HOST/HOESSESS - CROCK POT-LESS PICNIC

Chicken Salad sandwiches - Margaret Cline, Ann Bloxham, Sue Carrizzaro, Rita Baker - 7 layer taco dip, Donna Timmions --- chips, Bob and Mary Ledeboer - Sliders or fried chicken, Dennis Niles, Hot dogs - no name, Joyce Valdez -- cake, Vernon Wallis ---dessert, Linda Long -- dessert, and Sharon Bartlett - pimento cheese sandwiches.

*Thanks!*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens**  
Time 7:00 PM, March 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Rose Gardens**  
Time 2:00 PM, Second Sunday,  
Jan-May, Oct-Nov

**Shows n Sales**

**AHS Regionals**

**AHS**  
June 6-10, 2018, Myrtle Beach. SC

# 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

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

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In addition to [NorthTexasDaylilySociety.org](http://NorthTexasDaylilySociety.org), we have the alias [NorthTexasDaylilySociety.com](http://NorthTexasDaylilySociety.com). Please note that the Newsletter address has changed on previous pages.

The 'I have a problem/question' address is [admin@northtexasdaylilysociety.org](mailto:admin@northtexasdaylilysociety.org).

My club address is [Jim.Bartlett@northtexasdaylilysociety.org](mailto:Jim.Bartlett@northtexasdaylilysociety.org) while my normal email continues to be [G236007@gmail.com](mailto: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