



# THE GARDEN GATE

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## TUCKER'S TALK

Well as most you are probably aware, DAYLILY SEASON IS UPON US!!! This is our time of the year. Everyday seems to bring another little bundle of joy to us and if you are like my family it is a race to see who can identify the new blooming member of the garden first. As Ralph Waldo Emerson quoted "The Earth laughs in flowers," and right now we as daylily growers are likely laughing the most. It has been a pretty nice spring and most of us should be in for a great season of daylilies. Just remember a few things that I have found to help out our precious little garden babies. Continue to feed your plants with a diluted mixture of water soluble fertilizer (the plants are working hard to produce the flowers and a little food will make sure that

they don't get to hungry), water by hand if you can and have to (overhead watering can potentially hurt the flowers), and make sure you are removing the old flowers as often as possible so that your scapes are as clean as possible (no one wants a picture with old nasty flowers hanging around). Speaking of pictures, please take as many as you can so that you can share them with the group at the next meeting (remember to make sure you take a picture of the tag so that we aren't guessing which daylily is in said picture). The next meeting is right around the corner and should be fun as we prepare to SHOW off our beauties to the masses. .

Tucker ☐

## Secretary's report

Meeting called to order: 7:04

23 members, no visitors

Secretary's and treasure's reports were approved as written.

Proposed budget was approved by the board and the membership

**Show Report:** The program has been approved by AHS and membership. We will finalize the rest of the details at the next meeting. Food list will be sent around at the next meeting. Ester will make center pieces.

**Programs Report:** Margo Reed and Jim Murphy of Woodhenge Gardens in North Garden, VA will be the guest speakers at the August meeting. Still looking for an additional hybridizer who is willing/able to

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travel. Suggestions from the club included Sandy Perkins and Doug Mckemie (East Texas Daylilies) and Brian Reeder (Sun Dragon Daylilies) who is doing rust resistance work.

**Membership:** Memberships are up to date. All committee members of the AHS show need to be members AHS members. The club will pay for these memberships.

**Regional meeting:** May 17-19. Remember to make your reservations ASAP to ensure you get a room at the hotel. Our club's silent auction basket was created and Vern offered to bring it to the meeting.

**Garden tours:** There will be no organized tour this year. If you are interested in having your garden open by appointment, let Jim know. He will make a list in the newsletter

**Sales:** The fall sale will be on the last Saturday in September (September 29th) It will be our normal style of sale with mostly bare root plants. Members are being asked to donate plants (10 fans per member) for this sale and the club will purchase plants. The total budget for the sale will be \$3000. Let Tucker know if you have an idea of a supplier or a style you are interested in. Currently he plans on making the colored picture sign for each plant similar to last year. He wants to make them for the member donated plants too, so the sooner you can let him know what you are planning on bringing, the better.

**Sunshine Report:** Things are good, no announcements.

#### **New Business:**

Linda Long was nominated and voted in as NTDS treasurer to replace Margaret Cline who has resigned. Linda and Nickie Knight, who also can sign on the NTDS banking accounts, were approved by the members as acting secretaries ( as required by Chase), to be able remove the names of signers who have retired, moved, etc. from the NTDS accounts. They can also add new signers to the accounts.

Next Meeting: May 17, 2018, Our menu will be a Mexican theme.

7:30 meeting ended for food and fellowship

**Rebecca** ❖

## **Program**

May's program will be "staging a daylily show." We will describe how we will set it up to have both shows running at the same time.

**John** ❖

## **Treasurers Report**

No checks were written between 11-19-17 and 1-18-18 or after 1-28-18. If any member has a club expense that still needs to be reimbursed, please give me the receipt and I'll get a check to you. I'll try to have a current balance report in the next newsletter.

**Linda** ❖

## **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 in 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

Please register early, especially for classes. Registration limited to 80, around 66 now.

**Eddie Raye Andrews** ❖

## **Gardening, daylilies help expand woman's enthusiasm for nature**

•BRYAN STEVENS | Special to the Herald Courier  
•Mar 25, 2018

For Kingsport resident Susan Okrasinski, a long-running interest in the natural world and a more recent obsession with daylilies has blossomed into a full-blown mania for the vibrant summer flowers.

When she first became interested in gardening, Okrasinski bought some daylilies at her local garden center, and that sparked what she described as "the beginning of my descent into daylily mania."

She joined the American Hemerocallis Society, and when she got her first regional magazine, she

noticed that there was actually a club named the Tri-Cities Daylily Society based in Kingsport.

"I joined that and have been an enthusiastic member ever since," Okrasinski said. "I go to almost all of our regional conventions, and after attending my first National Convention with more than 600 attendees with the same daylily affliction, I was hooked on those, too."

She always takes her camera with her. In addition to photographing lots of gardens and plants, she enjoys photographing the attendees.

"I send these to our daylily magazine editors for publication in the tour garden writeups," Okrasinski said. "I also seem to have become our daylily club photographer."

She posts many of the photos she takes on the club's Facebook page.

Okrasinski noted that the Kingsport club is scheduled to host the Region 10 Convention in 2019 at the MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center in Kingsport.

"This convention," she said, "features a tour of daylily gardens in the area, as well as a speaker and a rollicking fun-filled auction."

Region 10 consists of nine clubs in Kentucky and Tennessee, and anyone interested in daylilies is invited to join.

"We meet about six or seven times a year, go on trips and invite speakers in," Okrasinski said. The club is chartered by the American Hemerocallis Society, which has its own website at [www.daylilies.org](http://www.daylilies.org).

The American Hemerocallis Society also holds a photography contest every year with four categories for submissions. She won in two of those categories four times, and she has served as a judge for four other years.

"When people ask me for advice, I tell them to take tons of photos and only select the good ones to work with," she said. "Get to know your camera and keep it with you all the time."

Okrasinski explained that her interest in daylilies comes from their diversity. "For me the appeal is the incredible variety there is in daylilies," she said. "I checked the AHS database, and at this point in time there are about 90,000 registered varieties."

Don't look for some of these newer varieties in garden centers.

"What shows up in garden centers are decades old and usually tissue cultured," she said. Okrasinski explained that tissue culture works well for the hosta, another popular and diverse garden plant, but it is frowned upon in the daylily world.

Tissue culture involves propagating a plant or flower in large quantities in a short period of time. Cells from a selected plant or flower are used to produce hundreds or even thousands of small plants which, in theory, are like clones of the original plant.

"Very often the tissue culture is a washed out version of the real thing," she said, adding that she once heard something very interesting from a well-known hybridizer who was around when the very famous Stella de Oro, a daylily widely used by landscapers, was first introduced.

"He said you would not recognize the real introduction," Okrasinski recalled. "It was so much more robust and beautiful than the tissue-cultured versions you find today."

Ironically, the original one has not been found in a few decades, according to Okrasinski. "The tissue cultured ones have taken its place," she noted.

While she finds scientific technique interesting, Okrasinski also enjoys the social aspects of her hobby.

"In addition to falling in love with the different varieties, I found getting to know the people in my club and then venturing out to conventions and getting to know the movers and shakers in the daylily world fascinating," Okrasinski said. "Every single garden I have visited is unique, and it is so inspiring to see how people create their own outside world."

"Daylilies as a rule are very hardy and forgiving of many different conditions."

Northeast Tennessee and Southwest Virginia offer compatible climates for daylilies. "The area we live in is perfect, as we are cold enough in the winter to kill off a lot of the pests and disease that you have to spray for in warmer climates," she said.

In her own gardens, she has chosen an organic approach.

"I do not use any kind of pesticides or herbicides in my garden," Okrasinski said. "This can lead to a pretty weedy garden by late summer when I just can't take the heat, but so be it."

"I really think that in the future all that stuff will be banned."

# SUNSHINE REPORT

Nothing that I know of, good! :o)

Jim❖

## MARCH HOST/HOESSESS -

April Host/Hostess -

True pot luck

Thanks to all the members who came through our mistake and provided such a good dinner. **THANKS!!**

*Thanks so much!*



## MAY HOST/HOESSESS -

MEXICAN FIESTA

Linda Long - chicken tamale casserole, Pat Engle - ?, Nickie Knight - meatball casserole, Dennis Niles - Spanish rice, Rebecca Reed - main dish, Susan Austin - beans or veg, Kristi Kolpaner - chocolate sopapilla cheesecake, Mary Ledebor - ?, Ester Strawn - enchiladas, Rich Miler - Mexican desert

*Thanks!*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens**

Time 7:00 PM, May 17<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**

Region 6, May 17 - 19, Brazosport

**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) \_\_\_\_\_

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Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

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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

Linda Long

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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