



THE GARDEN GATE

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TUCKER'S TALK

First off, I want to thank everyone that participated in the sale. The help was great and I feel as though it was pretty successful being I only have 30-40 fans left for bingo. Don't worry, I have been told that a few members have been working on their beds and are bringing plants in for bingo so there should be plenty to go around. I am also going to organize a Raffle that will be held before Bingo starts that we will all have the chance to buy tickets for and then randomly draw for a few of the highest priced and newest daylilies that did not sale. So bring a few extra dollars (that will be the price of the ticket) and give

yourself a chance to own some of Michael Miller's (Small World Daylilies) newest and priciest creations. These will all be plants that retail for at a minimum of \$100.

I also wanted to let everyone know, especially the newest members, that this is definitely the best time to do any transplanting and dividing of your plants. The temperatures have come down, we have definitely had enough rain, and at this point you can feel pretty reassured that summer is not going to come roaring back. Doing the work now will help your plants get established before the heat of next summer and shouldn't affect the blooming potential of your plants. Remember to give all your plants, not just the transplanted ones, a nice healthy dose of granular fertilizer soon so that the roots can store up the energy for the winter.

Thanks again for all the help with the sale, it was greatly appreciated. See you at the next meeting. GO BINGO!!!

Tucker❖

Secretary's report

Meeting Called To Order at: 7:11

Members: 17

Visitors: 0

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Secretaries and Treasurers Reports were both approved as written

Programs Report: October is Daylily Bingo. Everything is all set for the night. Feel free to invite potential club members as this is a good introduction to the club. November will be the plant exchange/Thanksgiving Pot luck.

Sale update: The plants are coming and will be delivered to Tucker's house for the tagging party. Janet and Tucker looked through lists sent by the growers and made choices based on what would sell well (due to price) and what was on the list. We paid \$1000 and got \$3000 in value at Blue Ridge Daylilies. Jim has started printing all of the marketing materials for the sale. Miller at Small World has not sent a list yet. Tagging party next Thursday at Tucker's house at 5:30. If you are planning on donating plants pass along your list to Tucker as soon as you can so he has time to create the signs for your plants.

Nobody had an old coffee pot, so the club has agreed to have Kathy buy a new coffee pot to be used at our meetings.

Sale set-up at 7:00 at the botanical garden. Arranged in pots by color Nicki going to make the coffee at the sale. If you are planning on bringing food, please bring breakfast food.

October's food theme is: finger foods

Meeting adjourned: 7:32

Rebecca ❖

I got it, I want it

An intermittent column of stuff folks have and want to share as well as stuff folks want. **YOU provide content.**

This month, Rebecca and Tucker Reed continue their quest for **Mable Mathews** daylily cultivars. If you have any that you can share, please discuss with them at the Bingo meeting.

Jim ❖

Region 6 news

I am forwarding this email for Debbie Pike, Region 6 President.

Please respond directly to her at larrydebbiepike@gmail.com

Ray Houston

We have an opportunity for a member of our Region to join the Region 6 Staff as the Newsletter Editor. This is a great opportunity for a behind the scenes volunteer role that is critical to the success of our Region.

Larry Pike has served in this role since 2014 and is moving on to other opportunities. Please contact Debbie Pike (larrydebbiepike@gmail.com) if you are interested or if you know someone who is interested. Larry has agreed publish the Fall / Winter edition of the Newsletter.

The new Region 6 Editor would be responsible for the 2019 Spring Newsletter.

Debbie Pike

Region 6 President

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Ray Houston, Reg 6 ❖

The Six Step Beginner's Approach to Hybridizing

www.ofts.com/bill/hybrdize.html

STEP 5 - Wait

Actually there is more to this step than just waiting. While you are waiting, you need to keep the beds weeded and water them regularly. Applying a balanced liquid fertilizer on a regular basis is also beneficial.

In the deep south, where there is a long growing season and the winters are very mild, well fertilized daylilies planted in the early fall will sometimes bloom the following spring. Those that don't bloom the first spring will usually bloom in the second. In the north where there are shorter growing seasons and long winters, it may take as long as 3 years for them to bloom.

Many consider waiting the hardest step because we want to see the results of our efforts immediately instead of waiting 2 or 3 years. To help combat this problem, I have 3 seedling beds. One bed contains plants that have been planted the previous fall. The 2nd

bed has plants that will bloom for the first time next year.

The 3rd bed has plants that bloomed for the first time last year. Often, a new seedling will be much better the 2nd year it blooms. Because of this, I leave them undisturbed until they have bloomed for 2 years.

STEP 6 - Enjoy

Now comes the time you've been waiting for. As the bloom season draws near, you will probably want to watch the progress of the bloom scapes, checking for good branching and bud production. The day before the first buds open will be filled with anticipation as the buds swell in preparation for their first display to the world. Early the next morning you will want to be at bedside to see your new creation. For many of us, this is the grandest moment of all, seeing these new daylilies for the first time. Some may be disappointing, but most will be very pleasing to the eye. A few may even be exceptional, but they all will be your creations.

Yes, it's true that not all daylily seedlings turn out to be super gorgeous flowers. In fact, I have heard said that only one in a thousand is good enough to register as a new cultivar. But from my own experience, I have found that many of these seedlings are actually prettier than some of the daylilies for sale in your local nursery. You can see some examples of crosses I have made and the resulting seedlings by clicking on the sample crosses in the index.

Borrowed from web

September is a good month to separate daylily clumps. Over time daylilies spread and will become crowded. Blossom production is decreased when plants are crowded; to keep plants flowering, clumps need to be thinned. Early fall is ideal for dividing the clumps as there still is time for root systems to become established before winter.

The daylily is in the genus *Hemerocallis* in the family *Asphodelaceae*. This becomes important because, while the daylily is called a lily, they are not true lilies, as are members of the family

Liliaceae. The generic name *Hemerocallis* (pronounced hem-er-oh-KAL-is) is a derivative of the Greek words *hemera*, meaning 'day' and *kalos* for 'beauty', and so it is a descriptive name, since individual daylily flowers last for only one day. Flowers open when the sun rises and they wither with the setting sun. Hence, the day lily is called daylily. Subsequent flowers on the same stalk open in subsequent days.

The daylily is a perennial, herbaceous plant, which is propagated by division, dividing the fleshy roots. To divide, first trim leaves to about 6 inches in length. Next, use a digging fork to lift clumps by digging under all sides of a clump. Gently lift. Place clumps on concrete or brick and wash soil from roots with a substantial spray of water. After the soil has been removed, fleshy roots can be easily separated (yeah, right, **easily!** JLB) by gently disentangling them.



Prepare a hole that is wider than the division so that roots are not forced into the hole. Mound soil in the center and fan roots out over the mound. Cover with soil, tamping lightly.

Daylilies bloom best when grown in full sun. Periodically thinning clumps will keep the daylily flowering next year with more robust and vibrantly colored flowers.

SUNSHINE REPORT

I have to assume silence is good. No one passed along any news this month.

Jim❖

SEPTEMBER HOST/HOUSTESS – SOUP AND SANDWICHES

Ester Strawn, Cathy Koogler, Sharon Bartlett, Nickie Knight,
Linda Long, Susan Austin, Janet Howie, Tucker & Rebecca
Reed, Donna Timmions, Rich Miller, Vernon Wallis,
and Rita Baker

Thanks so much!



OCTOBER HOST/HOUSTESS – FINGER FOODS TO GO WITH BINGO

Linda Long, Nickie Knight, Janet Howie, Tucker & Rebecca
Reed, Cathy Koogler, Ester Strawn, and Rich Miller.
Club to provide ice cream.

Thanks!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NTDS Meeting @ Ft Worth Botanic Gardens
Time 7:00 PM, October 18th 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
NTDS Sale FWBG, start at 9 AM, Sept
29th 2018

AHS Regionals

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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

Weatherford, TX 76088

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