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A Letter from our Director

by Martha Seaman

The question I’m asked most often is, “Will the AHS raise its annual dues?”
And the answer is “Not in the near future!”
At its last meeting, the AHS Board voted NOT to raise the annual dues even though the AHS has the lowest dues of all the major plant societies. This means your national organization is in good financial shape—not wealthy, but comfortable.
However, because Life Memberships have been a “losing” proposition for AHS for years, the Board passed a motion to raise the Life Membership dues to $500 (from $300) and to create a Dual Life Membership (two persons at the same address) for $750. The Life Associate membership, which has been confusing to many people, will be eliminated, but the Board has recommended a small fee ($50) for those who wish to convert their current Life Associate status to Dual Life Membership. All this was reported in the Spring 2000 issue of The Daylily Journal (Does anyone read the AHS Board minutes?), and the required changes in the AHS Constitution will be voted on by the membership at the AHS Annual Business Meeting in July.
Membership in the AHS is one of the best bargains in the plant world. AHS has a large and enthusiastic membership—now nearly 12,000; it produces a wonderful magazine and many special publications; it sponsors scientific research about our favorite plant, and it is the agent for registering new cultivars.
But to me, the best thing about the AHS is the friends made within the organization. A true Bargain!

“...the best thing about the AHS is the friends made within the organization.
A true bargain!”
Martha Seaman

Looking ahead at the National Convention Calendar

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Have you seen the new An Illustrated Guide to DAYLILIES?
It is a 1999 publication of The American Hemerocallis Society, edited by Frances Gatlin, and with illustrations by Cheryl Postlewait and Elizabeth Schreiner.
If you would like to order a copy, refer to the AHS Publication Order Form in the back of each issue of The Daylily Journal.
RVP Message

by Mary Milanowski

Region Two Growth – let’s all welcome all three of these new clubs formed in 1999:

☐ Bay Area Daylily Buds in northern Wisconsin,
☐ Daylily Society of Southern Indiana located in the southeastern corner of southern Indiana,
☐ Hoosier Daylily Society located in central Indiana

And, just in case you can’t find the Southwestern Illinois Hemerocallis Society of Granite City in the Region Two Club Listings on the inside back cover of this newsletter, it is because the club members changed its name to Madison County Daylily Society.

After completing three years now as your RVP, if I were to compile an RVP Wish List for the benefit of future RVP’s and for the AHS, this is what it might look like:

1) That a small committee of AHS members within each club work to sponsor a Garden Judge Workshop I & II and to promote old and new garden judges. You could call this committee the “AHS Continuing Education Committee of (your club name).” This committee could even sponsor an Exhibition Judges Clinic I.

2) More participation in the AHS Popularity Poll.

3) What a wonderful Region it would be if each and every one of the 25 Region Two local clubs would either send a letter asking when they could sponsor the next Region Two annual summer meeting or sponsor an annual meeting “partnering” with another local club that is fairly close by. In the last 15 years, the annual summer meeting has been hosted by 10 clubs. Obviously, some have done double duty.

4) Your club send a letter to the club hosting the next annual summer meeting asking what you can do in the way of making the auction a success.

5) Hybridizers, backyard and commercial, please participate by sending your seedlings to the next Englerth bed location. Have you ever noticed how popular the candidates in the Englerth bed are each year? This is a fun event where everyone gets to participate and finds out the results the same day! Just ask Dan Bachman, winner of the 1999 Englerth Award.

In short, you might say that I am asking each of you to support your Region. Many of you already lend support, and to you I say Thank You, as you are always there, conducting clinics, sending in your Popularity Poll ballots, returning surveys, hosting annual meetings, and donating plants for annual summer meeting plant sales and auctions.

The next regional annual summer meeting hosted by the Chicagoland Daylily Society, July 21-23, 2000, needs your help with plants–both, sale table and auction. Let them know what you can donate to the event.

Next year, it will be Cincinnati’s turn. This summer would be a good time to set aside some plant divisions for them.

Have you sent your seedling(s) for the Englerth bed? And to those hybridizers who have introductions on the AHS Honors and Awards Ballot: Have you made plans to guest your introductions in a tour-garden bed? In 2002, the Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society will be hosting the National Convention in the Troy area. Are you “guesting” your introductions for all to see? Time is now to make those plans, or will you let the South rise again?

In Region Two we have dropped down below 50% of our allotted 15% of Garden Judge slots.

Mark your Calendars for Events in 2000:

♦ July 21, 22, 23 Regional Meeting, Chicago, Illinois
As a retiree, it is wonderful to be able to work—without considering pay per job or pay per hour. A certain age brings valued benefits (xy@ >>?:" [+]) pwy!...whups... and goodness gracious...is that age 65+?). I hope you, along with me, have noticed that changes come more frequently and more quickly as time goes by. Not even the cost of printing this newsletter stands still! And, since you Region 2 members work so hard to raise the money for printing it, its costs should be held down, right? The printer and editor are testing some cost-saving methods on inside-pages that we may use in this or the next issue. We also considered adding 4 inside pages of color (perhaps for advertisers) for an additional cost of $700 to $800 and another $1200 to $1500 for higher quality, coated paper (which would be necessary to print good color). Needless to say, because of its high cost, the topic of "color on inside pages" has moved itself to the very end of the priorities list.

Again, my sincere thanks to all who have given feedback about this newsletter, and a big Thank You to all you willing members who have written articles about our hybridizers, about our interesting regional daylily topics, about the presentations at our—oh, so wonderful—regional symposium in Cleveland, and about your local club events. Region 2 has 25 local clubs now, almost twice as many as it had about 6 years ago.

I do hope that all of you, who were not able to be at the symposium, can read the articles in this issue (even though—to get them all on 52 pages—a few are in such small print) and feel that you were there with us in spirit and that reading about the symposium activities and the interaction between guest speakers and daylily devotees will make you want to reserve that time slot next year!

Gisela
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Another First for Region 2: Nick Lucius, First Youth to Receive AHS Display Garden Status

by Cynthia Blanchard

Having one’s garden accepted as a Display Garden, is an honor for any gardener. Accomplishing this when you are 17 years old becomes a newsworthy feat. Nicholas Lucius, a member of the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society, has recently become the first youth member to apply for and to receive A.H.S. Display Garden Status. Bravo, Nick!

A high school junior, Nick lives in Gahanna, Ohio, with his parents and three younger siblings. Those of you attending last summer’s Region 2 Meeting in Columbus will remember touring the beautiful, manicured Lucius Garden. Everyone in the family is involved in gardening but Nick and his father, Charles, do much of the manual labor. Charles has grown daylilies, along with other perennials, for a long time. About five years ago Nick became interested in hemerocallis, and their daylily collection began enlarging. At the present time, the family’s 3/4 acre property grows approximately 550 different cultivars. According to Nick, their wish list is also rapidly expanding!

Some of Nick’s favorite daylilies include the Stamile “Candy Series” and LAVENDER RAINBOW. Although he enjoys collecting daylilies, Nick also likes the challenge of hybridizing. He bloomed 75 seedlings in the garden this past summer and expects several hundred to bloom this coming summer. Hoping to see results more quickly, he now has seedlings growing under lights in the basement of his family’s home. His hybridizing program focuses on eyed daylilies and on purple daylilies with white edges.

Those who know Nick comment on his willingness to help, his strong work ethic, and his enthusiasm for daylilies. What impressive acclaim for a gardener of any age. It is heartening to see these qualities in one of our Region 2 youth members. In the future, Nick hopes to earn a college degree in business management and, eventually, operate his own landscaping business. We wish him well in his dreams and aspirations, and we look forward to hearing more about him in the daylily future.

Congratulations Nick, on your A.H.S. Display Garden Status. Well done!

Special Youth Activities During Region 2 Summer Meeting 2000

The Chicagoland Daylily Society, the host club, is offering a special registration rate of $65 to youth members. If you have never participated in a Region 2 Meeting, we encourage you to attend. The tour gardens are spectacular, the food is great, you’ll meet interesting people dedicated to the improvement of genus hemerocallis, and you’re sure to come home with new plants for your garden! The youth will be gathering together at least twice during the weekend meeting, with the first meeting scheduled for Friday at 5 pm. We will be contacting youth registrants in June about the activities we have planned.

Hope to see you in Burr Ridge, Illinois!

Did you know... that an AHS Youth membership costs only $8 per year?

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1999 Fall Midwest Hybridizers’ Meeting
Bret S. Clement, Indiana

The 1999 Fall Midwest Hybridizers’ Meeting was held at the Wegerzyn Horticultural Center in Dayton, Ohio, on November 13, 1999. Both established and aspiring hybridizers were in attendance. Dan Bachman, whose BEN BACHMAN won the 1999 Englerth award, showed his many hued spider and unusual-form creations. Dan noted that his program really got established after picking a small number of cultivars with good plant habits for breeding purposes. Judging from the parentage of some of the slides of his older seedlings, these cultivars included SPIDER MIRACLE, COBURG FRIGHT WIG, and WILSON SPIDER. Dan indicated that his own seedlings are now involved in most of his crosses. Among the many slides he showed was one displaying a very prominent eye out of MARKED BY LYDIA. Dan has added that MBL is both pod fertile and hardy. Dan has also been doing some tetraploid crosses, and he showed slides of offspring involving HIGHLAND PINCHED FINGERS and TET SPINDAZZLE.

Jamie Gossard concluded the morning session’s slide presentation with an eclectic selection of spider- and unusual-form seedlings. While Jamie uses much converted tetraploid material, he is not one to stick to existing spider stock for breeding purposes, as evidenced by slides of spidery seedlings involving MOONLIT MASQUERADE, ROYAL BRAID, STARTLE, RASPBERRY CANDY, and SPACECOAST STARDUST, among others. While Jamie concentrates on the spidery forms, he showed a few slides of more conventional forms (continued on page 14)
Region 2 Hybridizer: Bob Bearce
by Rosemary Balazs and Bill Sevetson

Bob Bearce in his Garden

Bob was born in Chicago, he spent his working career in export management, and he retired in 1985. He’s been interested in gardening most of his life, as both of his grandmothers were avid flower gardeners. Bob grew vegetables as well as flowers in his younger days. While in his teens, a high school course in botany sparked his interest in hybridizing as well as in growing daylilies from seed. However, his initial hybridizing efforts dealt with gladiolas. His interest was put aside for a few years when he moved from home and lived in an apartment on Chicago’s near north side.

In the 50’s, Bob bought a house with a small 25-foot lot that had lots of crabgrass, which he removed clump by clump. The garden began slowly with borders around trees and planted with perennials and some annuals. Fortunately, while scanning a magazine, Bob saw an ad for daylilies featuring Wild and Russell cultivars (SHIRLEY WILD, Bechthold 52, and CRESTWOOD ANN, Fay-Griesbach 61, were very special). His interest led him to meeting Brother Charles Reckamp and to seeing all his work. That meeting led him to Orville Fay, a half mile away from Reckamp. Both were very generous in sharing their knowledge (and pollen). Brother Charles even potted up plants for Bob, but Fay washed the roots clean on those plants he gave to Bob. They were his mentors, and he learned from Fay: “If you are going to do any hybridizing, always start with the best things available.”

While Bob was also very interested in painting in the late 50’s and early 60’s, hybridizing became his No. 1 hobby, and he pretty much put aside his brushes until his retirement 14 years ago.

Bob purchased his first seeds from Howard Hite; this was a “five seeds of this, and five seeds of that” kind of purchase. He started them indoors.

In the early 70’s, Bob attended the Chicagoland (CDS) flower show at McCormick Place. He went to the Chicagoland Daylily Society booth and met Walter Jablonski who invited him to join CDS. He joined in 1972.

Bob registered his first daylily, GRAPE JELLY, in 1976. Another seven years passed before he registered LUSTY LITTLE LULU in 1983. In the mid 80’s, Jack Romine of California introduced SMALL FAVORS from seeds that Bob had sent him. All of his registrations are tetraploids. He doesn’t have any diploids in his garden.

Then, in 1990, Bob introduced SWEET BUTTER CREAM, TAHITIAN SUNRISE, DESERT MIRAGE, MARDI GRAS DRAGON, MINILITO, RASPBERRY TRUFFLES, TANGOR, and WEST SIDE STORY. SWEET BUTTER CREAM, a tall late yellow, and TAHITIAN SUNRISE, a very late red, proved to be the most popular of the group. Bob discovered the keen interest that many daylily lovers have in late-blooming cultivars. However, their lateness tends to make it more difficult to work with them. There are very few shows for late bloomers to win awards. Bob is still interested in one of his 1980’s goals: Miniature tetraploids, that is, blossoms under 3 inches. However, he believes results are easier to achieve in the small 3- to 4-inch category.
Bob had lived on Burling Street in Chicago for a number of years before he moved to his present home in Park Ridge, Illinois, in the early 80’s. In 1994, he introduced the first of his “Burling” series of daylilies. At that time, he was sending seeds to Al Rogers at Caprice Farm Nursery in Sherwood, Oregon. Al germinated BURLING STREET, and it was jointly registered by Bob and Al. BURLING STREET has been highly regarded by many guests in the Sevetson garden, and it is currently sold by Caprice Farm Nursery. It blooms over a long mid to late season. It is 24 inches tall, has a 4-inch flower, and it is dormant. Its color is pale cream-pink with a dark pink halo, a yellow throat, a green heart, and it has nicely ruffled, gold petal edges. It tends to average four-way branching with 25 or more buds. It is a very attractive garden flower.

Bob then introduced BURLING BARON and BURLING DAWN in 1998, followed by BURLING BELLE in 1999. BURLING BARON (30/6/MLa/DOR) is a creamy blend, and it has a dusty rose eye and edge with a green throat. BURLING DAWN (24/5/MLa/DOR) is warm peaches-pink, ruffled with golden filigree edges and a small green throat. BURLING BELLE (24/4-1/2/MLa/DOR) is a strong, shocking pink with a heavily ruffled gold edge. All Bearce registrations are known for bud count and branching. You will be able to see 9 of Bob’s registrations, including the “Burlings” mentioned above, at the Sevetson garden during the Region 2 Summer Meeting 2000 hosted by CDS.

Bob has been active in AHS events as well as in those of CDS. He was the AHS Round Robin Chairman from 1977 to 1981, and he was International Secretary from 1981 to 1990. He also served as Corresponding Secretary of CDS for about 6 years.

Bob’s registrations are now being handled by Dale Thomas of Thomas Gardens, 507 Race Horse Road, Hanover, PA 17331-8849. In Dale’s 1999 catalog, he discussed his late breeding program and pointed out that he used LUSTY LITTLE LULY very heavily in that program. His catalog lists all of the “Burlings” except BURLING STREET.

Editor’s note:
Photos are by Bill Sevetson. Bill Sevetson writes that this article had originally been written by Rosemary Balazs for the Chicagoland DS Bulletin some time ago. Bill used Rosemary’s article (with her permission) as a starting point for this Region 2 Newsletter article.

Bob currently divides his time between his two primary loves, daylilies and painting. Keep watching for new “Burling” registrations. We are sure you will be pleased with them. He is one of the few hybridizers who breed for northern gardens.

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A Dream Comes True

by Phyllis Cantini

The Hybridizers Showcase Daylily Garden, an official AHS Display Garden, located within the Garden Park in Holly, Michigan, is the work of daylily visionary Joan Kepf and her two supporters, Linda Boyd and Mary Coakley, who caught the spirit of Joan’s dream. Joan’s dream was to have a garden that would contain the lifetime work of hybridizer Bill Munson Jr. and other hybridizers. The Garden Park, consisting of 77 acres, is a country setting in Holly, Michigan, and it can be accessed easily from I-75. The Park is the dream of the Hilty family who wanted to create a series of specialty gardens: Butterfly Garden, Japanese Garden, Rose Garden, etc.

The Hybridizers Showcase Daylily Garden developed with the help of Loren Hilty and the use of his heavy-duty equipment to sculpt the garden area by moving boulders, trees, and shrubs, and by bringing in top soil, mulches, and watering systems. The area was designed and planted by Joan, Linda, and Mary, who with determination and dedication worked through mud, rain, cold, backaches, and endless hours to accomplish the dream. Joan secured donations of perennials, trees and shrubs that dress up the gardens to achieve continuous bloom throughout the growing season.

Joan searched the country for plants representative of each of the years covering each hybridizer’s lifetime work. Visitors will see daylilies showcased from hybridizers such as:

- Anderson
- Applegate
- Apps
- Benz
- Carpenter
- The Couturiers
- Dickerson
- The Doughertys
- Elliott
- Gates
- Ra Hansen
- Curt Hanson
- Henry
- Hite
- The Joiners
- Kamensky
- Kirchhoff
- Lambertson
- Moldovan
- Morss
- Munson
- Pickles
- Reed
- The Reinkes
- Rice
- The Salters
- Sharp
- Sikes
- Sikes
- Trimmer

The uniqueness of this garden is that each hybridizer’s cultivars are planted together in individual sections. This gives the viewer an overall look of the hybridizers’ progress and their particular “mark” or special goals they were trying to achieve in their breeding programs. Munson’s cultivars are laid out according to the year of registration beginning with 1956 and continuing to the present. Each hybridizer’s section has a marker with his or her name, but a specially engraved stone marks Munson’s section (Bill was working on the design of this stone at the time of his death.) A separate area is devoted to the winners of the Region 2 Howard Hite Award for Hybridizing Excellence (Note: No Hite Award was awarded in 1991). This Award Garden is laid out according to the year in which the award was won, and with a sampling of cultivars representative of each winner’s work from its inception:

- Dr. Charles Branch, 1990
- Bryant Millikan, 1992
- Brother Charles Reckamp, 1993
- Steve Moldovan, 1994
- Howard Hite, 1995
- Dr. Robert Griesbach, 1996
- Dennis Anderson, 1997
- Curt Hanson, 1998
- Marge Soules, 1999

Since this is still an evolving garden, there is plenty of room for future winners. Joan, Linda, Mary, and Loren have turned this virgin land into a showcase for all to see and enjoy. They stand proud of this unique and, perhaps, only garden of its kind in the U.S.A. that honors the beauty of each hybridizer’s daylilies. They invite you to visit the Hybridizers Showcase Daylily Garden. For information about hours, maps, and directions, please contact Joan Kepf at 248-363-9627 or write to her at 6100 Carroll Lake Road, Commerce Township, MI 48382-3616.

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**CHIEF BLACK HAND** (Warrell 99) 36" MLa Dor Ext Dip
A 6-1/2" Spatulate which is a smooth satiny black-red self with a yellow-green throat. Multiple branching with 23 buds (HOLLY DANCER x BLACK PLUSH). ................................................................. $90

**MIGHTY THOR** (Warrell 99) 34” M Dor Ext Tet
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**PEACH FLOAT** 94 • 7-1/2 spidery melon Dor Dip ................................. $15
**HOLLY DANCER** 88 • 7” spidery bright red with green throat Dor Dip .... $15

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From this link, click on Daylily Image Archive, and there you will find a folder of Dorothy Warrell’s registered cultivars and of her seedlings. It is not a complete listing of all of Warrell’s creations but it represents what was blooming last summer (All web-site photos courtesy Juli Hyatt. With permission from Tim Fehr.)
A Collection of Tributes to R. William Munson, Jr.

After a message telling of the passing of one of greatest and most well-known daylily hybridizers crossed across the computer screens of our AHS E-mail Robin members on October 3, 1999, a great outpouring of feelings began. Within minutes and hours, over one thousand AHS members read about this irreversible event, and daylily devotees from all parts of North America and many parts of the world shared their thoughts and memories of this great man so freely over the next few days. Here, with each writer's permission and with only a slight bit of editing, are some of their spontaneous feelings put into words.

From: Pam Erikson <pamela1@ISTAR.CA>
To: DAYLILY@MAELSTROM.STJOHNS.EDU
Date: Sunday, October 03, 1999 8:24 PM
Subject: Mr. Munson

Hi all:

It was with great sadness that I read about Bill Munson tonight. For as long as I can remember, HIS was the name first and foremost in my mind whenever anyone asked me about the truly important steps made in hybridizing. His contributions to the daylily world will live on forever in all of our gardens, and his cultivars will be used in many more generations of daylilies yet to come. My deepest sympathies to all his family and friends who are mourning this tragic loss.

Pam Erikson, B.C. Canada - Region 8, zone 7

From: Bob Roycroft <roycroft@SCCOAST.NET>
To: DAYLILY@MAELSTROM.STJOHNS.EDU
Date: Wednesday, October 06, 1999 12:31 AM
Subject: Bill Munson

To all,

Thank you all for the posts concerning Bill Munson. I have only met him though what I have read and heard through some of his fabulous daylilies—we currently grow 22 of his introductions and all of these reportedly grow well over a wide range of climate zones; no wimps in these 22! We and our staff routinely make a blanket statement to our cold-climate, walk-in customers that the 20 Munson evergreens we currently offer should do well for them. This blanket statement concerning evergreens is made only for Bill Munson’s evergreens—not for any other hybridizer’s. I’ve heard stories about how this great Florida hybridizer approached breeding for cold hardiness but it is second and third hand info. Could some knowledgeable person share the true story with the Robin and also mention those who were instrumental in assisting him in accomplishing this cold hardiness with so many of his evergreens?

I stood in our garden on yesterday’s October morning and had some quiet time just looking at a clump of Munson’s famous OLIVE BAILEY LANGDON (1974) in a display bed with three blooming scapes and four new scapes emerging. It is special to see such performance so late in the year; visiting with one of his intros, in its full glory, was extra special. (I also recalled that it was Ra Hansen who first recommended OLIVE BAILEY LANGDON to me for its showy very early bloom, and, then for its showy very late bloom.)

My absolute favorite Munson cultivar is AFRICAN GRAPE—a 1991 registration. I am amazed that Eureka lists only six growers who offer it. AFRICAN GRAPE is robust with the most beautiful foliage imaginable; a good increaser; great branching and bud count on its sturdy 28” tall scapes; a cold-hardy evergreen; and, the 6” rich claret purple blooms are sunfast! This daylily has “Stout” written all over it, in my opinion, and to my knowledge has not had the necessary distribution and exposure to even win a lesser award. (Someone please correct me if I am mistaken.)

The lack of recognition is probably largely due to the fact that its first (of several) scapes start blooming in late mid-season—approximately 7-10 days after most Regionals and the National (as is the case with many “unknown” greats).

Clarence and Beth Crochet visited our nursery in July. Clarence was so impressed with AFRICAN GRAPE that he left with three multiple-fan three-gallon pots of it! So, soon Eureka will have another grower who offers it. Great! I’m sure that Clarence and Beth will do a fantastic job in helping to promote and spread this wonderful introduction of Bill’s to many. Maybe it will soon be universally recognized for the great daylily it is! (We shortly plan to have AFRICAN GRAPE as the “Featured Cultivar of the Week” on our new web site which came on line last Sunday.

Bill Munson, your presence will be felt each summer for decades to come in all of our gardens whether we had the pleasure of personally meeting you or not. Thanks for the pleasure you give us!

Sincerely,
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From: Jeanne Norris <grmappa@ORLANDOLIVE.NET>
To: DAYLILY@MAELSTROM.STJOHNS.EDU
Date: Tuesday, October 05, 1999 3:11 PM
Subject: Bill Munson, we will miss you.

I first heard his name was in the early 1960′s. When I would make my yearly pilgrimages to Ophelia Taylor’s garden, just outside of Silver Springs. She always had such high praise for Bill Munson. Bill, she explained, was a young man in Gainesville who was doing great things in his hybridizing program with daylilies. She also spoke very highly of his mother, Ida. We were growing TOVARICH (1965), a beautiful dark red daylily, hybridized by R. Munson. Ophelia was quick to correct me and told me, he was the Senior and Bill was the Junior. We were friends with another hybridizer who lived in DeLand, named Connie Fleishel. Connie was a protege of both, Bill and Ophelia. We were visiting her garden, and sometimes, she would have to leave to meet the Greybough bus. Bill had telephoned earlier that day and said he was sending her some special pollen. She had to rush to meet the bus, pick it up her priceless package, and put in the refrigerator to use for the next days crosses. Bill named a special cultivar for her, ALENE CONSTANCE FLEISHEL (1968).

Our first trip to the Munson garden was at their home across the “tracks” from Shands Hospital. Bill & I invited Ed & Mary Helen (continued next page)
Tributes to R. William Munson, Jr. (continued)

Kirchhoff (David’s parents) to drive up to Gainesville with us one Sunday afternoon. Ida had placed the garden chairs in front of a bed of the most beautiful rose pink daylilies that we had ever seen. BRIGHT CLOUDS (1969) was in full bloom. BC had not been introduced, but after much raving over its beauty, Ed worked his charm on Ida. He went home with a prized fan. BRIDAL SATIN (1969) was one of the first of Bill Munson cultivars that we grew. If you can find it in a garden today, you would still be enchanted by its beauty. ANTE BELLUM (1961) and “Bridal Satin” were used extensively by many of the earlier hybridizers in their programs.

Bill and his family moved to their new home, Wimberlyway (WW) in 1968. My Mother and I had to live in a motel, in Gainesville, for three months while my Father was a patient at Shands Hospital. To break the monotony of being at the hospital all day, I would drive Mother out to WW for a short visit with Ida and Bill. They were always so gracious to us. I wish I could have taken her there during bloom season, but this was September through November.

There are several of us who live in this area, that were privileged to be invited to their home for Ida’s January birthday celebrations. It was like a second Christmas party. Bloom season was always another excuse for many of us to steal away and head for WW for the weekend. As we drove into the driveway, we would be greeted by a sea of daylilies as far as we could see. The array of colors was breathtaking. The next day, Sunday, we were up with the sun, leave our motels and head for Wimberly Way. There would be breakfast in the gardens. Bill, Ida, Betty, and Elizabeth Ann would be chasing around with all of us, weaving in and out of the numerous daylily beds. They would be pointing out the newest seedlings and introductions. I remember one day when were at lunch (eating those delicious home grown tomatoes Ida always grew), I asked Bill, “How did you get those dainty gold edges on PORCELAIN WREN (1980)? With a very serious look on his face, he answered, “Well, Jean, when all of you are asleep, I take a little pot of gold paint and go out and paint each bloom before any of you arrive.” Then he threw his head back and laughed and laughed. Bill had a wonderful sense of humor.

The last time we saw Bill was this past May. We were on our way to the Region 12 Spring Regional in Lake City. Bill & I stopped at WW to visit Betty and her husband Joe. Betty knew that we had been having trouble coming up with a good definition for a “Patterned Daylily.” She suggested that Sunday, on our way home, that we stop by. If Bill felt like it, we could visit with him and discuss the definition. That is what we did. Bill’s voice was very low, but the enthusiasm and love for the daylilies was evident. Betty ran out to the garden a couple of times to bring him blooms of his STRAWBERRY CUPCAKE (1992) and several seedlings. He cupped each one in his hands and with his long fingers, gently pointed out the pattern in each one. Just watching Bill, as he held each flower in his hands, was like watching someone holding a precious treasure, being very careful not to crush it. I still have a very warm feeling in my heart when I think about that day.

Bill was very touched that the members of Region 12 voted to honor him with an award in his name. It was his wish that the award be for a patterned daylily.

We are so thankful that he knew how much the people in Region 12 “treasured” him. We have been working to establish a R.W. Munson, Jr. Award for a “Patterned Daylily” on the Awards and Honors Ballots. Our prayer is that it will become a fact and not just a dream.

Many have written about Bill Munson being a legend, and being the steering force in the hybridizing of the tetraploid daylily, and about his generosity in sharing his knowledge about daylilies, but “my” Bill & I will always remember him as a very special man that we were privileged to call our friend. Bill’s cultivars are classics and will always be considered so, as long as daylilies are in existence. We will miss him, but we can sing his praises over and over, every time we see a “Munson” daylily. Jean Norris, AHS Region 12 Director, Sanford, FL

From: Patricia Loveland <loveland@PEAK.ORG>
To: DAYLILY@MAELSTROM.STJOHNS.EDU
Date: Wednesday, October 06, 1999 6:31 AM
Subject: Remembering Bill Munson
Dear Robins, This is Pat Loveland, from Western Oregon, Reg. 8. I was but a newbie a few years ago (1994) when I consulted Bill Munson’s HEMEROCALLIS, The Daylily for advice on choosing some of my first daylilies. I remember one, in particular, FRED HAM, which was described as being “Very Special”. This summer, I was reminded of those words when my piece of FRED HAM bloomed those huge voluptuous blooms nonstop for much of my bloom period. Other classic daylilies described in that book, and that have made a statement in my garden this season are COURT MAGICIAN and MALAYSIAN MONARCH, both with that famous watermark or “chalky” eye. The hybridizer of these plants, Bill Munson, was something special himself, so I learned from the article by Ted Petit that appeared in the Spring 1995 issue of The Daylily Journal. Before the 1997 AHS convention in Jacksonville FL, Diane Taylor, Diana Grenfell, Roger Grounds and I were traveling together touring gardens. Ted Petit suggested that we stop by Wimberlyway Gardens. How glad I am I took his advice, and how I treasured those moments when Bill Munson came out and chatted with us, and answered Diana’s many questions as she gathered information for her book.

Mr. Munson’s memory will live on in the many beautiful daylilies that have descended from the products of his dedication and persistence in the face of overwhelming odds.

Pat Loveland, Corvallis, in Western Oregon AHS Region 8, USDA Zone 8

From: Boyd Farar, Corpus Christi, Texas Befarar@AOL.COM>
To: DAYLILY@MAELSTROM.STJOHNS.EDU
Subject: Tribute to Bill Munson
Boyd Farar Corpus Christi, TX AHS Reg. 6 USDA Zone 9

Not many people who were raised in Arizona and other arid states know about daylilies and other assorted perennials. I was one of those. I knew I could grow flowers and plants but I did not really know until I moved to Florida in 1979. I was living in Gainesville, Florida and had a friend who was studying landscape architecture at the University of Florida (Yea, GO GATORS!). Anyway, my friend said let’s go visit this garden, you’ll like it. Well, to keep this message short, we went to Wimberlyway Gardens. I did not know daylilies nor do I remember ever seeing any. It would not surprise any of you to know that I was hook from that first visit. I especially enjoyed walking the wide avenues between very large rows with large hedges (continued next page)
Tributes to R. William Munson, Jr.

at the backs of each one. It was wonderful looking at all the daylilies from Bill, Betty, Ida and Elizabeth. I started collecting as many of Bill’s as I could find. The inexpensive ones, of course. I visited Wimberlyway several times each spring until I moved to Texas in 1990.

I did not meet Bill but have had a couple conversations with Betty Hudson. When I would order from Wimberlyway, I would always write Go Gators! on the envelopes and Betty would always write Go Gators! on the receipts! I have fond memories of Wimberlyway. I have had many cultivars of Bill’s and will always have as many as I can keep. I like the larger flowers and all those big bold eyes; I like tea stained eyes and clear colorful daylilies. My favorites include: PALACE LANTERN, CHEYENNE SKIES, OLIVE BAILEY LANGDON, DEVIL’S MAGIC, SILVER ICE, SILVER MIST, IDA’S MAGIC (Ida’s), BORGIA QUEEN, GRAND OPERA, KATE CARPENTER (the closest one to getting the Stout), RUSSIAN RHAPSODY, CAROLYN HENDRIX...Oh, I must stop! The daylily world will not be the same and will miss Bill’s contributions. Thank you for all you’ve done, Bill! And, thank you to all who have written other messages. Go in peace!

From: TAHIR NADEEM<<tahir@PAKNET2.PTC.PK>
To: DAYLILY@MAELSTROM.STJOHNS.EDU
Date: Tuesday, October 05, 1999 8:40 PM
Subject: BILL MUNSON
Dear Daylily Friends
All daylily lovers in PAKISTAN are saddened on the sad demise of Bill Munson. He will certainly live through his beautiful creations of color and form in our gardens. God may bless his soul to live in peace for ever.
Tahir Nadeem, From Islamabad, Pakistan.

From: Timothy J. Fehr <fehrtj@UWEC.EDU>
To: DAYLILY@MAELSTROM.STJOHNS.EDU
Date: Tuesday, October 05, 1999 8:30 PM
Subject: Tributes
Gentle Robins:
I have been touched by many of the tributes to Bill Munson. He touched so many of our lives through his writing, his flowers and in person.
His book, Hemerocallis: The Daylily was the spark that started my infatuation with daylilies.
Tim Fehr Eau Claire, WI USDA Zone 3-4 AHS Region 2

Editor’s note: Many of the October 3 email messages had been printed in the Fall/Winter 99 Region 4 Newsletter issue. The messages here have been selected from additional ones of those days.

1999 Fall Midwest Hybridizers' Meeting

including a fringed, toothed gem from ENCHANTED APRIL x FOREST LAKE RAGAMUFFIN. Several slides of his kids from a converted HOLLY DANCER x MIGHTY HIGHLY TIGHTY–while impressive–were even more stunning in person when I visited his garden this past summer. These seedlings bring HD’s intense red coloration into the tet spider gene pool. Jamie also showed a slide of an absolutely stunning Dan Hansen’s HAPPY APACHE. While not as narrow as tetraploid spider fanciers might strive for, HA is out of Dan’s 1999 ROSES IN SNOW, which has passed its wide white edge onto a narrower form.
The slide presentations concluded with John Benz showing slides of some of his recent work. The sheer number of interesting seedlings prevents me from even beginning to do justice in describing this slide show. Among the parents producing his possible future introductions are TET RUFFLED PERFECTION, TET BARBARA MITCHELL, STARTLE, TET CHRISTMAS IS, TET GRAND MASTERPIECE, JANET BENZ, TET JEDI BREND SPANN, TET JEDI DOT PIECER, TET NEAL BERRY, ANGEL’S SMILE, ONE STEP BEYOND, IDA’S BRAID, and many others.

One bit of advice passed on by John was that TET GRAND MASTERPIECE should be used only with cultivars possessing heavy substance; otherwise, the resulting offspring will not open well. Also newsworthy was the fact that Jamie Gossard has finally convinced John to work with spiders, and a slide of RED SUSPENDERS x TET BLACK PLUSH is indicative of John’s ability to transfer his knowledge edge to other arenas. John concluded by showing 10 slides from Dan Trimmer. It is enough to point out that Dan Trimmer will remain on the cutting edge of “daylilydom” for some time to come.

Lest one think that the day’s activities were confined to slide presentations, interesting discussions on a variety of topics abounded. Dick Norris reported a possible break among his seedlings. He related that he had bloomed a purple-eyed cultivar that had no colored edge, but that had purple tentacles. No one else could recall ever seeing anything similar. Other discussion topics included: reluctant pod parents, most fertile pod and most fertile pollen tetraploids, soil amendments, and more. One interesting topic of these discussion explored whether or not there was any merit in attempting to achieve bloom on seedlings within nine months. Nearly everyone agreed that little was gained in most cases, because the bloom on such immature seedlings was generally not representative of its future blooms. Only where the 9-month bloom was obviously of unusual quality, was this advantage perceived: that of being able to use the seedling for breeding purposes a year earlier than otherwise would be the case.

Thank You, Shirley Farmer, for all your hard work in putting on yet another successful meeting.

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- Visit the American Hemerocallis Society Web Site address at: http://www.daylilies.org/daylilies.html?
- You can “travel” to many interesting daylily sites by clicking on links on the AHS Web Site? (If you don’t have a computer, visit your local library. Friendly librarians will be glad to help you navigate the high seas of the Internet.)
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Region 2 Symposium 2000 - WOW - What an Auction!


Here are guest speaker Kathy Guest’s (Region 4) words to the AHS E-mail Robin (printed with her permission): “But the banquet was the real treat. Kay Day and The David are like Burns and Allen, Lucy and Desi, Astaire and Ginger...deftly working the crowd, keeping them laughing and buying until long after this girl had to turn in. Some very special moments included the auctioning of an original artwork by Linda Michaels of Bob Schwarz’s GHOSTDANCER. David managed to get the price up to $300 almost instantly—disappointing Bob, who really wanted it (pen and ink and very, very beautiful). And then Kay, who was the successful bidder, presented her prize to Mimi—which brought the room down. Bob was then the successful bidder for a lifetime membership for both him and Mimi—no doubt in the afterglow of Kay’s beautiful gesture. And friends, there is NO-ONE who can work a room like David Kirchhoff.”

by Gisela Meckstroth

Thank You to all you donors and bidders of the Region 2 Symposium 2000 Auction
The opportunity to address a captive audience, as it were, is just about irresistible. When I was invited to write a bit for the Newsletter, it seemed like a pretty simple thing to do. As it happened, as soon as I had said my diffident “probably yes” I found myself at a loss for words. Fortunately, the deadline for this issue was so far away at that moment that I was reasonably hopeful that something would occur to me by the time it was required.

We suffer from a certain compulsion, most of us daylily lovers! We are addicted to the newest introductions from our favorite hybridizers. We daub pollen as though we knew what we were doing. We wait a couple of years to see the results, and then, reluctantly, trash almost all of them. I think we need to take a closer look at this condition of ours, and perhaps try for a little more detached perspective on ourselves. I’ll contribute to that with whatever little bits and pieces I can come up with.

I suffer from another compulsion: the compulsion to count, list, measure, and tally everything in sight. We will take some peeks inside the world of data, using our dearly loved daylilies as the vehicle for our voyage.

**Hemerocoholicism**

How did we all get wrapped up in this compulsive addiction to Hemerocallis? I have several theories, none of them flattering to us who are in the condition. We are just fortunate that there is an almost infinite number of varieties out there waiting to help us deal with our drives to collect ever more types of the daylily.

We delude ourselves that daylilies are tough and self-sufficient, so that we are really not increasing the amount of work we have to do caring for our plants even if we do order 30 or 50 new plants. If you choose carefully, not a single plant among those 50 new cultivars will be tough, let alone self-sufficient in our climate zones. The only self-sufficient daylily I ever saw was Hemerocallis fulva ‘Europa’, which can survive abandoned by the road-sides for a century or more.

We convince ourselves that those new pinkish mauve flowers with the swollen, wrinkled edges of yellow are each unique and are all different and significantly better than the ones of similar appearance, but who are named differently from those we planted a year ago. Even worse, some of us actually manage to believe that the wretched things are beautiful.

**Counting Everything in Sight**

I am in favor of counting and measuring everything not moving too fast to get a good look at.

Let’s start with buds. Melanie Mason has suggested that bud counts on Florida plants decrease by 5 buds for every climate zone farther north in which we try to grow them. I think I may have suggested to Melanie that the bud count declines as an exponential function rather than a linear one, but Melanie’s hypothesis has priority of date. I wish we could say the converse was true of northern daylilies as you move them south. It’s too bad we can’t make that measurement too.

However, we can certainly count the buds on our scapes. We don’t even have to count the buds on every scape nor on every variety we grow. Let’s just count the buds on the varieties that interest us the most. Join in and help us see if Melanie is on the right track!

I am also dedicated to determining foliage habits for as many daylily cultivars as I can get our fellow enthusiasts to study. The hybridizers are generally pretty close on to the true condition, in my opinion. However, that is just my opinion; it is not a scientifically verified fact. With the invaluable assistance of fellow members of the Daylily E-mail Robin and of AHS generally, we are going to build a set of observations on foliage that will help to settle the question— at least for the cultivars covered thoroughly enough in our surveys.

**You should help us out on this.**

We love beauty, we search for beautiful flowers, we crave the unique, the novel, the new. We spend ridiculous amounts of money for new introductions with the weak rationalization that we will make all that money back when we sell the future divisions of these expensive weeds. We vilify our friends and colleagues who dare to suggest that an occasional variety of these plants is less than totally hardy, less than totally desirable.

The worst of us, typified by myself, make lists of the names of these things. The longer the list, the better we feel about it. In fact, the better we feel about the whole world. It’s really rather sad.

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Iconoclast’s Corner

There are daylily people who are really seriously interested in extending the bloom season. Yes, we know that BITSY blooms really early in the Spring. We also realize that odds and ends of rebloom appear late in the season, like scattered pennants of a defeated army strewn across the battlefield of our garden. But some of us are hard-core season extenders! I want to see some color besides yellow in my Extra Early daylily bed. I want to see fresh, full scapes bursting into bloom in August, not some ragtag crew of stragglers putting up one last gasp.

We need to identify daylilies that truly flower in the EE season, and we need to identify the true VLa flowering varieties.

To do this and to further this notion of extended bloom season, we conduct a survey of bloom times each season. We record the date on which the first flower of a variety was open in our garden, the FFO date. Sometimes we even record the date on which the last flower of the variety was open, the LFO date; this is a much harder thing to do.

Each of these surveys results in data contributed by participants; I combine the various individual data sets into one and merge it with the existing database for each survey. Then a new release is prepared and announced, and we can distribute the new data – with the old – to interested members of the AHS.

I see that I have been on my best behavior this time. If there is a next time, I may vent a little spleen.

These are my opinions. You probably have opinions of your own, but if not, you are welcome to borrow mine.

Jim Shields

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A Presentation by Dr. Kevin Vaughn

It’s A Small World After All…. Breeding Miniatures

by Greg McMullen, Indiana

Dr. Kevin Vaughn informed the Region 2 crowd that growing daylilies in the Mississippi delta was easy, since all of us Midwesterners sent our best soil to the delta for the cultivation of plants. Originally from New England, Kevin has been interested in miniature daylilies for quite some time, and has developed a lot of his ideas and techniques about daylily hybridization from his work with food crops for the USDA. The three main characteristics that Kevin finds appealing in a miniature daylily are: 1) density of blossoms, 2) compact flowering, and 3) the “look of a bouquet,” which are all related to the propensity of miniature daylilies to gain clump strength rather quickly.

Dr. Vaughn has developed both miniature diploids and tetraploids, with the most promising diploids being converted by Kevin for use in his tetraploid programs. In the round diploids, Kevin showed seedlings from his many different lines of breeding that were developed from his introductions such as BEAT THE BUG, a 3 ½ ” bright yellow with a red eyezone (1996; BEAT THE BARONS X SILOAM DOODLEBUG); SEE MY ETCHINGS, a 3 ½ ” cream with a blue-violet eyezone, ala Elizabeth Salter (1996; SILOAM BO PEEP X WITCHING HOUR); and DELTA BELLE, a 4” clear pink (1996; TRUE HEART X SILOAM APPLE BLOSSOM). One kid in the blue-violet eyezone program, D-115-1, which is out of EXOTIC KISS X (SUMMER ECHOES X SILOAM TINY TIM) has a very prominent spiky “blue eyezone” on a white petal. It appears as if the eyezone has been pulled with a thin painter’s brush up onto the petals at 1/8” intervals around the petal. Another plant, FAIRY BALLET, which is from the DELTA BELLE line, is one of the tiniest plants that Kevin has produced to date, with a 12” scape and 2 ½” diameter blossoms. Most of these lines owe a debt of gratitude to Pauline Henry, who has paved the road for many of Kevin’s successes.

Kevin is also exploring miniatures with prominent edges and no eyes, from crosses involving plants such as BEAUTIFUL EDGINGS (Copenhaver 1989) and RAINING VIOLETS (Wild 1983), with some successes such as an unnamed seedling that was yellow with a pink edge. Kevin also spends time daubing with miniature doubles, which are also called “popcorn doubles”. These seedlings have been developed from such notable award winners such as SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC (Henry 1985) and JANICE BROWN (EC Brown 1986) crossed with lesser known plants such as BUBBLY (Joiner 1986) and

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CUTE THING (Joiner 1994), as well as some of his own seedlings. Kevin showed a wonderful diversity of progeny from the cross of (BUBBLY X SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC), each of which was very special and appealing to the eye.

On the more recent tetraploid end of the spectrum, one of the critical issues that Kevin has been struggling with is the tendency of so many tetraploids to have very strong and erect (straight) scapes. Kevin believes that a more relaxed scape is more desirable, which is consistent with the desire to have the clumps have the look of a bouquet as mentioned earlier. Kevin has converted plants such as PENNY’S WORTH (Hager 1987) to add its unique size to his miniature tetraploid lines, but has had difficulty with mini’s that were not always fully recurved as diploids becoming a more “tulip form” as they were converted to tetraploid versions of themselves.

Kevin has incorporated plants from many sources into his tetraploid miniature lines, including plants from Elizabeth Salter (IN THE NAVY, 1993, MARY ETHEL ANDERSON, 1995, and HOT SECRET, 1996), Grace Stamile (BROADWAY VALENTINE, 1994), Pat Stamile (ELEGANT CANDY, 1995), Phil Reilly (FOOLED ME, 1990), ANGEL’S SMILE (Reckamp-Klehm, 1985) and the tetraploid conversions of JANICE BROWN and EXOTIC ECHO. One of the plants that Kevin has developed has been named EVIL EYE, which is a funny name for a very bold beautiful eyed cultivar that has loads of buds. Kevin has also developed a lot of promising seedlings from ELEGANT CANDY, an intermediate sized bloom that he describes as “too big for Grace and too small for Pat.”

Kevin has even developed some miniature tetraploid doubles, one in particular, that was a beautiful cranberry color with a white edge that was developed out of a cross of (DOUBLE TROUBLE X FIRES OF FUJI). Some of Kevin’s most promising miniature tetraploids are coming out of conversions of his own mini diploids, such as DELTA BELLE. The kids from tetraploid DELTA BELLE are expressing a high degree of inheritance from grandparent SILOAM APPLE BLOSSOM, exhibiting a very clear and clean pink color. Kevin has had less success from his conversion of tetraploid D-115-1, which was crossed with Elizabeth Salter’s IN THE NAVY, and produced some lackluster plants. Kevin believes that there will still be plenty of challenge ahead as he attempts to refine this line into a more refined and beautiful counter to the wonderful successes that he had with the diploid version of this seedling.

Beyond Daylilies...Creating Seasonal Interest in the Garden

by Martha Seaman, Ohio

One of the most enjoyable lectures at the Region 2 Symposium was given by Bill Hendrix, of Klyn Nurseries, who suggested many interesting, mostly new plants to enhance our gardens throughout the year.

He began with Late Winter to Early Spring, recommending the Spring Witch Hazels (Hamamelis cultivars), yellow- and red-twig Dogwoods (Cornus ‘Silver and Gold’), several varieties of Pussy Willow (Salix chaenomeloides, or Rabbit’s Foot Willow), Lenten Rose (Heleborus orientalis), and White Forsythia, which is not Forsythia at all but is Abeliophyllum distichum. Mr. Hendrix also gave specific pruning advice for some of the above plants so we can regenerate our aging plants and persuade them to continue their vigorous annual bloom.

Mid to Late Spring brings the flowers of Spiraea, Deutzia, and Weigela. There are exciting new varieties of all these lovely shrubs, specifically Spiraea x c. ‘Grefsheim’. He showed slides of Rubidor Weigel, which has a light green-gold foliage, and ‘Wine and Roses’ Weigel, which has burgundy foliage.

Early to Mid Summer, when our daylilies are in full

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Bill Hendrix of Klyn Nurseries (continued)

bloom, Mr. Hendrix encourages us to complement them with Butterfly Bush (Buddleia cultivars), many kinds of Hydrangea cultivars, and new varieties of Spiraea which, with proper deadheading and pruning, give a long season of bloom. He also gave tips on how to give winter protection to Hydrangea macrophylla cultivars so blossoms can come from old wood even after severe Midwest winters (protect at least 2-3 good sets of buds).

In Mid to Late Summer, just after the daylilies have finished in our northern garden, Bill suggested adding garden color with pretty blue Caryopteris 'Dark Knight' for example. He suggested using Yellow Senna (Cassia hebecarpa), Giant Hibiscus (Hibiscus moscheutos cvs.) for moist spots, Yellow Waxbells (Kirenegoshama palmata), Rodgersia, Gibralter Bushclover (Lepediza 'Gibralter'), and the (new to this country) Seven Son Flower (Heptacodium miconioides) which can be a woody shrub or a small tree.

He reminded us about the dramatic effects of grasses in our landscapes during this late summer period. There are many exciting varieties of Miscanthus, Pennisetum, Panicum, and lots of others to round out the main garden season.

In the Fall to Winter time, most of us think the garden is finished. Bill Hendrix suggested, however, that we could continue to have color with the flowers of Japanese Anemone and the spectacular berries of Japanese Beautyberry (Callicarpa dichotoma), and the deciduous, cold hardy Winterberry Red (also known as Michigan Holly), and Winterberry Gold (Ilex verticillata hybrids), some of which hold their fruit until November.

As the garden finishes for the year, probably the last bloom will be on the Common Witch Hazel (Hamamelis virginiana), which brightens the early winter with unusual form and twisty, ribbonlike flowers.

Then, we can start all over again in late winter with the Spring Witch Hazels!

Hardy Contributions from a Missouri Hybridizer

by Gerda Brooker, Ohio

Wow, what a time we had at Symposium 2000 in Cleveland, Ohio. One of the best meetings I had been to in a while, and I like them all. Our regional editor asked me to recap Oscie Whatley’s talk and to interview him at the same time. What a fine gentleman he is, and as I already knew, full of knowledge of a lot of things, but very much involved with his big passion: daylilies.

His passion began about fifty years ago in his aunt’s garden, who trained a very young Oscie in selecting, and hybridizing, etc. Oscie started really getting into the act big time about 35 years ago, and was hooked.

By watching George and Jane Pettus, he became interested in conversions and—as we know—has done some wonderful work in converting diploids to tetraploids. Malcolm and I do grow a number of his converted material in our garden.

As a hybridizer, Oscie works with more than daylilies. He also hybridizes trees, like the dogwood, and various other plants. He tells however, that 98% of the time he works with daylilies. Good for him, and good for us.

As he began to speak, one knew whatever he had to...
Oscie Whatley's Reflections (continued)

say was worth listening to. Oscie, who believes in hardy and disease resistant cultivars more than just “pretty faces,” stressed the point that we can achieve those attributes, i.e. carefree cultivars, by “hybridizing ourselves out of the problem of weakness, disease, etc.”

Years ago no one worried about crown rot, spring sickness, various kinds of foliage disease, insects etc., but with the improvements of flowers, which according to his words, have gone to astronomical levels, the plants themselves—other than the scapes—have become weaker. We no longer have carefree plants. According to Oscie “the spray-gun has become our weapon of choice; however, we are loosing the war.” He contents

that fruit and tomato growers have done well, and they do market disease resistant produce. We, as daylily growers, cannot claim the same as yet.

Solutions? Mr. Whatley suggested, picking the right kind of parents, right kind of seedlings, and the right kind of introductions, in order to gain some ground in the direction of resistance to pests and other ailments.

Oscie admonishes us as growers to challenge our plant, so to speak, by putting them under normal conditions in normal soil in disease infested areas, and, if our little darlings do not catch anything, they may then be resistant to bad stuff. Do you suppose we could raise our kids that way? Just a thought.

Even though Oscie admits that he does not always practice what he preaches, he tries. None of us could do all the “right” things 100% of the time.

During a break in the presentation, Oscie answered questions. Someone asked how he felt about scape-blasting (I thought she was talking about cussing a cultivar, you know, like “blast that scape”). Boy, was I wrong!

There are actually scapes which will blast apart. His reply was that scape blasting was about as unwanted in his garden as a bad relative at a family reunion. If it happens, and you must hybridize on the bloom which sits on top of that blasted scape, you can save the bloom for this purpose by taping a splint made of bamboo to keep the top part of the blasted scape alive (I can just see myself heading for Steve Moldovan’s and Roy Woodhall’s garden to get some bamboo. They have so much of it, that China needs to get in touch with them.)

Anyhow, Oscie told us that he never saw scape-blasting in any diploid daylilies; it is peculiar only to tetraploids, and only to those which have really thick scapes. The spindly, skinny scapes do not blast apart.

Oscie showed some wonderful slides of the cultivars of the various hybridizers around his area. Some of them may not be very well-known, but their efforts were rather lovely. I liked some of the doubles of a hybridizer by the name of Frank Kropf. Bob Scott had some wonderful cultivars, and so did Brian Mahieu.

That’s what I was referring to when I said that Oscie is a true gentleman. He felt it worthwhile to bring some slides of hybridizers he admired, and rightfully so.

Oscie volunteered his age to me, and I was amazed what a young “oldie” he is. By his own admission, he likes big flowers which do not need to be prompted but which grow without much fuss where they are planted. A gentleman he is, and a very humble one indeed. He was very concerned that some of those less-known hybridizers had a chance to have their efforts displayed at a meeting such as ours, where lots of collectors and hybridizers attend. I appreciated him for that, as well as for his knowledge of the daylily mysteries, which he will share freely with anyone when asked.

Thank you, Oscie Whatley, for your time, and effort.

Gerda Brooker and Juli Hyatt listening to Oscie Whatley's reflections.
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A Presentation by Kathy Guest

Beyond Napkin Folding: Starting and Maintaining a Daylily Club

by Paul Limmer, New York, and Dr. Joann Stewart, Georgia

Kathy Guest is a member of BADS (the Buffalo Area Daylily Society). Her title wouldn’t lead you to believe that you were going to be given a fishing lesson, but her “modus operandi” advice was aimed toward reeling in fairly wary game: potential daylily club members, and making them happy about it!

While some potential members would eagerly join a club, Kathy pointed out that, in most cases, potential members simply don’t realize the advantages of membership in a plant-specific group; so, it’s necessary to hook them before you can reel.................

Why A Daylily Club
She outlined the club membership advantages, which can be pointed out to prospective members: (1) camaraderie with a common interest group, (2) tapping into the common pool of knowledge among members and increasing knowledge collectively, (3) increasing the quality of plant material in your area (something achieved better collectively than on your own), and (4) the simple “good green fun” of being with other plant people.

Where to Start
Her best advice about where to start was recognizing that you can do it. A single person may make the decisions, pick a date, enlist the aid of friends or members of other “green organizations,” contact the RVP and nearest clubs for support. She advised that simplicity is the key to obtaining newcomer interest, and that showing slides is preferable to holding cut scape exhibits in the early stages, because slides may be interwoven into almost any presentation.

I have a Barn, Let’s Have a Show–Think GREEN
Locations for slide presentations might be found through other “green organizations,” such as specific botanical clubs in the area, but any site with capacities for 30-60 might be considered. In order of preference were locations of other “green groups,” civic groups, and cooperative extension sites. Less desirable but also possible for meetings were the sites such as zoos. Last, but not outside acceptability were schools and library facilities.

Baiting the Hook
Kathy’s advice about attracting visitors for the purpose of forming a club was not dissimilar to advice about catching fish. Baiting the hook is the place to start!

Catchy but simple titles to presentations and confidence-inspiring information/advice messages are essential to bolstering enthusiasm.

Ways to get the word out included using existing “green groups” (garden clubs or other plant-specific groups) as information vehicles, possibly including mass mailings from their club membership lists, but also exploring using available media coverage.

Aiming for a 2-week maximum advance publicity time frame for maximum exposure ensures “freshness” appeal to the prospective attendee. Press releases, flyers, and catalogs were all recommended attention grabbers. She recommended that the meetings have a small charge, to ensure that participants would feel they were to receive value for money and that they were not simply attending a free (and, therefore, worthless) presentation.

Goin’ Fishin’
Before the first meeting, make sure you have these in place:
- Keeping money on hand to make change for bills and coins (for entrance fees)
- Items for door prizes and raffles, raffle tickets
- Handouts
- Designated “shmoozers” to welcome visitors in a friendly way and to smooth the awkwardness of “first visits.”

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Beyond Napkin Folding with Kathy Gues(t)(continued)
The presentation should be short but interesting. Food, handouts, refreshments, etc., should be made available, and the initial approach to forming a club should be made.

Pedal to the Metal
♦ Staying in the public eye is essential for maintaining a new club and to ensure the success of an existing club.
♦ There should be a constant flow of information/stimulus: flower and garden shows, exhibits, talks—all coordinated with media attention and lots of publicity.
♦ Partnering with other “green” groups at their sales is one excellent way to achieve a larger labor pool for both groups, and an “interest spin-off bonus” for attendees.

Tricks and Gimmicks—Mix it Up
Once the club is formed, members should always feel they are receiving value for the expenditure of membership. Learning about conversions, color design, receiving flyers, newsletters, or ANYTHING about daylily culture and tips helps achieve this. Kathy recognized that daylily enthusiasts are gardeners, not just hem nuts, and she recommended alternating daylily presentations with other types of speakers. Photographic techniques, weather analysis, insect recognition and remedy were suggested topics of general interest to most gardeners.

People—Recognizing Talent
Realistically, only about one-third of members who join become active, productive members of a group (aka Walek’s Rule of Thirds). Getting that one-third to join IN becomes easier if they are not expected to volunteer (they won’t) but are asked for help with simple tasks and given specific duties. RECOGNITION of tasks done, and done well, is reinforced not just by verbal thank you in Kathy’s club, but it is also done by giving BADS Bux (a club-specific daylily currency). These Bux are issued as Thank You Daylily Dollars earned/given for services rendered to the club. While it’s always a nice thing to give recognition for things, this takes appreciation a step further. BADS Bux are awarded for:
♦ attendance at meetings.
♦ baking cookies for meetings.
♦ helping with sales, or any non-officer function which members perform.
At plant sales and auctions, BADS members may use their collected Bux to defray the dollar amount of purchases.

This is a Flower Club—And Flowers are Fun!
Kathy ended her presentation with another food for thought tidbit. Daylily clubs are flower clubs, and flower clubs should be fun (and not taken so seriously that they become life-consuming). With that in mind, a newly formed club should not just be born, but it should live long and it should prosper. Kathy held the audience in the palm of her hand without the aid of gorgeous slides of eyezones, edges, colors, forms, and incredible advances in daylilies.

A truly remarkable accomplishment.

Bob Schwarz Presents
Dancing on Air – Unusual Forms
by Dr. Bill Powell, Wisconsin

Notable in this presentation was the speaker’s sense of humor—a good laugh is good for the soul. Bob talked about how he’d purchased his house in 1971 and how he had taken his cow to town to trade for food, but how, along the way, he had met a large man who offered to trade him shiny black seeds for the cow...so he had taken them home and had planted them and how a bright garden full of blossoms had grown overnight! (A slide of his garden in full bloom and at its very best image emphasized Bob’s punch line.) Though I’ve been told that I don’t know Jack of Jack and the Beanstalk, I can now at least say that I know Bob and his version of the beanstalk tale.

He illustrated the growth of his garden with slides, and he showed two special semi-dormants (a slide of Mimi and of himself illustrating the term “semi-dormant” in human beings!). Bob made the point that the term “spider” should be reserved for flowers that are spiders; that is, cultivars that have petal ratios of 4:1 or better, and that the general use of the word “spider” to characterize Unusual Forms is confusing and incorrect (like calling WEDDING BAND a double). He said that the word “exotic” is used by a lot of folks to describe “Unusual Forms,” and that this is perfectly permissible.

Bob followed this with a good and informative presentation about properly measuring petals to determine whether or not a cultivar or seedling is sufficiently narrow to meet the 4:1 ratio for being classified as a spider variant or the 5:1 ratio for being a true spider. Relying upon slides of different cultivars, he amply illustrated the various Unusual forms that daylilies can take such as Spatulate, Cascade, and Crispatte—pinched, twisted,
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A Panel Discussion: The History of the Daylily

Panel Members:
Elizabeth Salter, Jeff Salter, David Kirchhoff, Steve Moldovan, and Oscie Whatley
Moderator: Curt Hanson

by Don Jerabek

Who knows what to expect when five prominent hybridizers share the stage and are given the chance to answer questions on topics from The value of hybridizing with species to declaring the most important daylilies of all time.

The questions to the panels ranged from the concrete to the most esoteric. The answers ranged from those that were short and direct to those that were long, complicated, and conceptual. Curt Hanson officiated as the moderator, sharing questions that had been collected from the audience. The panelists were hybridizers Steven Moldovan, David Kirchhoff, Oscie Whatley, Jeff Salter, and Elizabeth Salter. (All comments below are not quotes, but are paraphrases by the author of this article. I apologize for any misunderstandings.)

CH (Curt Hanson):
What affect did Bill Munson have on the development of the modern daylily and/or, what did you learn from him?

SM (Steve Moldovan):
I learned from Bill to take chances, he frequently crossed tender daylilies to hardy daylilies and he tested his daylilies in the north and in the south. He was willing to take chances, yet, at the same time he was dedicated to developing his own distinctive line.

DK (David Kirchhoff):
Bill studied the flowers and the plant; the plant habits were a major consideration. He was never in a hurry to sell the next plant in order to make the “next nickel.”

JS (Jeff Salter):
Bill Munson’s biggest contribution was the “plant” more so than the flower, and the quality of the plant habits was his primary concern. Bill had a definite vision of what he wanted to hybridize, and he was not influenced by anyone.

OW (Oscie Whatley):
I was most impressed by Bill’s willingness to explore uncharted territory with the daylily.

ES (Elizabeth Salter):
As Bill was my uncle, I was able to view his work from a unique position. He had a broad and diverse breeding program in terms of color, flower size, and bloom style; he was concerned about the plant habits and not just the flower.

CH: Specific to the continued advancement of tetraploid daylilies, do you think that it is more important to hybridize with converted material or crossed tender daylilies to hardy daylilies and he tested his daylilies in the north and in the south. He was willing to take chances, yet, at the same time he was dedicated to developing his own distinctive line. continued next page

From left to right: Curt Hanson, Elizabeth Salter, Steve Moldovan, Oscie Whatley, David Kirchhoff, and Jeff Salter.
A Panel Discussion: The History of the Daylily (cont.)

with existing tetraploid daylilies?

OW: I think that using newly converted daylilies will speed breakthroughs at the tetraploid level. Also, I believe that there is a recent university study that indicates that the majority of breakthroughs come from diploids.

DK: “It’s all in the hands of the Artist.” I’d recommend using tetraploids.

JS: I agreed with David, although one exception would be to convert Elizabeth Salter’s eyed diploids. We can’t begin to imagine the future of advancements in tetraploid daylilies.

ES: I agree. That is why I am trying to get my eye patterns in tetraploid daylilies.

SM: I would convert a few diploids if I had time. There is a lot of work yet to do with the existing tetraploid gene pool.

CH: What species daylilies would be good to use in a hybridizing program?

SM: Perhaps citrina and altissima. I’ve started using some species.

OW: There is the recent cross of NEW IN TOWN, which is a cross of H. Citrina x SILOAM RALPH HENRY. I’ve converted some species, and I am using them.

CH: The daylily used to be a carefree grower. Should hybridizers start to concentrate more on the plant habits and less on the flower?

ES: No, the hybridizer needs to do both. “It’s the whole package.” One can not concentrate on one, without the other.

SM: Daylilies are intended to be garden plants, therefore they need to be grown in the garden and selected in the garden.

DK: Historically, hybridizers focused on the flower and allowed the selection to based 90% on the beauty of the flower.

JS: I’m concerned about hybridizers who use herbicides. We need to avoid growing and selecting daylilies in artificial environments. Not many daylilies grow across a wide area of the country, and maybe we just need to understand that some daylilies are regional plants.

CH: There were a lot of controversies in the early days of converting daylilies. Was it worth it?

ES: “I’ll never forget that a man turned to my Uncle at the Chicago Daylily Convention and said that tetraploids were from the snake pits of hell.” Yes, the daylily has come a long way since the 1960’s.

SM: The diversity and the plant habits of tetraploid daylilies have surpassed our every expectation. The present day tetraploids have both more flowers and more blooms than older daylilies.

OW: The tetraploid colors are much, much richer.

DK: We should be thankful for the continual evolution of the daylily. The advancements have been greater than we could have imagined just five years ago.

JS: Diploids are predictable, while tetraploids are much more unpredictable. It has been worth it!

Dan Hansen opened the Region 2 Symposium 2000 with a moving tribute to his mother, Ra Hansen. He told of his memories of his mother and of her passion for daylilies, and how he was her special friend and partner in daylilies, as well as free labor provider.

After she was gone, he realized how important it is to (continued next page)
The Legacy of Ladybug Beautiful and the Dynamic New Tetraploid Program of Dan Hansen (continued from page 25)

have a daylily partner. Dan outlined her many accomplishments in the world of daylilies, particularly winning the Bertrand Farr Hybridizing Award in 1999. Interestingly enough, many of Ra’s award-winning daylilies did not perform particularly well in her Florida garden. They were introduced because they had done so well in gardens of her friends in the North and who had encouraged her to introduce them. Dan explained that he was going to continue to introduce the daylilies that Ra had selected and named, and that he would continue to select and introduce the best of her remaining seedlings. However, he is not going to continue her breeding program.

We were treated to slides of some of her most successful past introductions and possible future introductions, including some that—unfortunately—may have been lost when her garden was moved.

The second half of Dan’s talk was devoted to his own tetraploid breeding program. One of his primary areas of interest is “daylilies with contrasting borders but no eyes.” He showed slides of his 1999 introduction ROSES IN SNOW, which was named by Ra, and also of seedlings with darker petals and lighter edges having ROSES IN SNOW as a parent. It is a sunfast red with an ivory border that passes on lighter borders readily. Dan’s 2000 introduction PINK INTRIGUE and 2001 introduction LONELY HEART are at the center of his hybridizing for seedlings with lighter petals and darker edges.

Most instructive were slides of his recent and future introductions surrounded by those of their first and second generation offspring, revealing what traits were passed on and highlighted in breeding. Dan emphasized that tetraploids skip traits some generations and that to bring out recessive traits, a hybridizer has to recross the best seedlings. He also showed slides of daylilies with blue eyes and patterned eyes out of a tetraploid conversion of his mother’s introduction BEN LEE (1994). Other breeding lines that Dan displayed with slides were those for narrow petals, teeth, whites, and edges and eyes.

Many of them drew oohs and ahs from the audience. By the end of the talk it was obvious that Ra has left a tremendous living legacy, both in her own introductions and in Dan and his hybridizing program.

A Second Presentation by Dr. Kevin Vaughn

Genetics, Intuition, and Safe Sex

by Dr. Bill Powell, Wisconsin

When I first read the title of this presentation, I expected that Dr. Vaughn would illuminate his subject matter with something approximating a full frontal centerfold of a daylily (complete with airbrushing). But, before we got to the imagined visual delights, he prefaced his remarks by recounting his move to the Mississippi delta country and thanked Midwesterners for sending their topsoil south to the folks down there (see, in a sense, he’s really hybridizing and growing in Regions 1 and 2 after all!).

After further remarks had whetted our appetite, and with clammy hands and beads of anticipatory perspiration gracing our upper lips, the lights were dimmed and the slide show began. What followed were slides of his work hybridizing small flowered cultivars—and

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Genetics, Intuition, and Safe Sex (continued)

quite interesting work it is. Toward the end of the slide presentation he spoke briefly of his work with goose grass and why it became resistant to some herbicides and how this led him to try (successfully) treating sprouted daylily seeds with Surflan and Treflan to induce tetraploidy. Unfortunately, that segment of the presentation was not long enough to have a learned discussion about how to keep treated seedlings from dying from rot or from their failure to have re-initiated root growth. Ah well, another time and another place!

Following his slides, he reviewed the basics of Mendelian inheritance and drew the requisite boxes to illustrate both tetraploids and diploids for representing the distribution of dominant and recessive genes for a given trait. That was well presented and was more understandable than it commonly is. He suggested that cultivars with melon coloration are good to use with other cultivars when you want to retain their color (Brother Charles is probably saying ‘Hallelujah’ to that!).

More esoteric discussion of exceptions to Mendel’s rules—like genes that can get turned on and off and how that affects traits—couldn’t be explored due to time constraints (hey, what all can you do in 1/2 hour?).

Dr. Vaughn also talked about the frustration of having homely little critters (seedlings) grow from the most hopeful and colorful of dreams and, I think, most of the audience commiserated with that.

All in all, he was an interesting and entertaining presenter. And now, I’m intuitively relieved that I didn’t have to type this summary of his remarks about ‘safe sex’ wearing latex gloves.
That type of commitment, combined with outdoor gardening, means there is often no break in seasonal activities.

If your choice is to put up a structure—be it metal, wood, glass, poly, or any combination—site choice is most important. You want to maximize your sun exposure in the winter while, hopefully, finding some shade for the hot summers. Avoiding windy sites, and finding a level area with good interior and exterior drainage, all figure into the ideal location. The depths of your pocketbook may define your structure materials, but those who are handy and creative can find something to fit their budget.

Looking past the external covering, popular options often include a ventilation system, a heat system, a supplemental lighting system, supplemental CO₂, and a backup power supply. Other considerations will include a watering system, a pest control procedure, and a soil-potting work area.

After putting together all the puzzle pieces, John showed us slides of his greenhouse full of daylily bloom. He showed us that, with proper planning and hard work, anyone could reach that Pot of Gold defined by off-season blooms here in the North.
Region 2 Symposium 2000 (continued)

Mr. Doorakian has come up with another seedling, STARGATE, with a radiating green throat which throws poly tepalous blooms 75% of the time. Distinctive 1999 JC Award winners, DIVINE INSPIRATION (an 8” tet pink spider variant) and NANCY BRITZ (a.5” diploid cream with a radiating green throat) were also illustrated. He displayed future intros of seedlings—QUEEN KATHLEEN, 9” diploid creamy white spider variant with a large radiating green throat, CONNIE ABEL, a 6” tet orange sherbet self with a very distinctive ruffled, knobby edge which is the result of the cross of PARTY QUEEN X MARY COLLIER FISHER (YUMA x ANGEL’S SMILE). He attributes his edged seedlings to MARY COLLIER FISHER. Spiders and spider variants of purple and red have been produced from QUEEN KATHLEEN. His future introduction, 5” tet PHIL REILLY, a pink stippled over purple with a ruffled gold edge and green throat (not out of IDA’S MAGIC or related cultivars) is hardy to Zone 5 and gives hardy gold edge offspring. One of his hardy yellow seedlings with large ruffling from SANDRA ELIZABETH and MY DARLING CLEMENTINE blooms from July to frost and is at clump strength after three winters.

Another interesting slide was of an eyed cultivar with gold pixy dust stippling in the eyezone. Gold stippling resulted from his treating daylily seeds with gamma-radiation.

Faced with the problem of how to increase new cultivars for marketing, Mr. Doorakian began to explore the possibilities of hydroponics. He showed slides of “what looked to me like” sections of white 6” x 5” plastic water pipes/tubes with watertight caps on each end. Water intake and outlet openings were at the top and bottom of each endpipe. Pipes were mounted three across on a saw horse type bench. Holes (3”) were drilled at equal intervals on the top face of each pipe. The drain section of each 5” pipe was placed on the top of a 26 gallon holding tank which contained a nutrient/water solution. Plastic tubing (3/8”) was inserted into the nutrient tank and run through the 5” pipe system. A small hole in the tubing is located at each plant opening supplying continual misting of nutrients to plants via recirculating pump in the holding tank. An aquarium aerator was inserted in the tank to help keep the water solution constantly oxygenated—a must for hydroponics with daylilies to be successful.

Six week old Oasis cube seedlings were placed into 3” diameter plastic mesh holding cups which then were placed into the 3” holes along the 5” pipe sections. By modifying the nutrient solution from lawn fertilizer, to balanced fertilizer, and finally to a high phosphorus fertilizer, excellent plant development was observed as well as bloom in the 7-9 month period keeping the oxygenenated nutrient solution at 75 F at all times with air temperature fluctuating between 45-80 F. After seeing the excellent growth results from these Oasis cube seedlings, he knew he was on to something.

Next, early-stage tissue-cultured (TC) plants, provided by Jamie Gossard (of Superior Laboratories), were placed in the mesh containers, and inserted into the 3” openings of the tubes. After 6 weeks of growing these tissue cultures hydroponically, plants with comparatively massive root systems were produced which were now environmentally friendly for planting in soilless mix and for growing under greenhouse conditions, with no plant loss resulting. Without the hydroponic treatment, greater than a 50% loss of early-stage TC plants would have resulted upon planting directly in a soilless mix.

When growing with hydroponics, one has to monitor pH, type of nutrients and their concentration, and temperature to achieve bloom in 7-9 months. Mr. Doorakian called upon his organic chemistry background to figure the exact measurements of pH (6.8) and parts per million (200) of nutrient to water to assure adequate TC growth. Future experiments...
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Karol Emmerich Presents

Career Decisions
by Charlie Ray, Illinois

On Saturday afternoon, Karol took all of us on a most enjoyable trip through her gardening life. A sequence of “career decisions” led her to where she stands today, well along in her third career, hybridizing daylilies.

After college, Karol and her new husband, Dick, were off to graduate school in California. Their dream at that time was to retire at 30 in the California Redwoods. After graduate school it was time for the first career decision: Karol joined the Dayton-Hudson Corporation.

In 1973 Karol and Dick bought the home they still live in. The 3/4 of an acre was partially landscaped with iris, hosta, phlox and daylilies in railroad tie beds. Dick and his crew spent many hours over the years replacing the existing beds and building stone terraces and walls, which Karol planted.

Finally the gardens were complete. Just as Karol and Dick were getting itchy for a new project, the property next door went up for sale. A year later they bought the lot across the street. It was at this point that Karol discovered that “hems” came in more than two colors, and she joined AHS.

Shortly after this, Karol came to realize that her career at Dayton-Hudson was not providing her with the satisfaction she was looking for. Time for career decision number two.

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In May 1993, Karol left Dayton-Hudson to work with several nonprofit organizations and to create new gardens on the lot next door. She would create a series of rooms with all of the perennials, hardy in Minnesota, displayed and with a major emphasis on daylilies. She sought to create a refuge that informed and inspired the visitors.

She attended her first National (Orlando) that year and quickly had a wish list of 1000 cultivars. (Does this sound familiar to any of you?) Over the next four years as Dick built walls and pathways, Karol planted over 1000 daylily cultivars, 325 varieties of hostas and over 600 other perennials.

The slides Karol showed of her gardens documented a lushly growing, well designed perennial garden in which daylilies had pride of place. Dick’s walls and the other structures, as well as the trees, provided a tremendous backdrop for Karol’s plantings. As these gardens were finished, as Karol puts it, “as much as a garden is ever finished,” it was time for a third career decision.

Karol decided she was interested in hybridizing lavenders and purples and eyes. She was also interested in naming daylilies to reflect her religious beliefs. A discussion with Dan Trimmer got her started, and during the first year she produced 7000 seeds. She recounted her various solutions to finding enough space to plant them all, including showing a slide of my favorite, “The cutting the driveway in half trick.”

While attending MWS in 1997, Karol met Larry Grace. Larry told Karol that if she was really serious about hybridizing, she could join him in his new greenhouse venture where he would teach her. Despite a long list of “why nots,” Karol decided this was the chance of a lifetime. In the fall of 1997 she took a number of her plants to Larry’s greenhouse and returned the next spring to hybridize with them, spending several weeks away from home. A year ago she saw the first blooms of those crosses and by the time you read this, she will have seen her second crop bloom.

Now, Dick and Karol have decided that it’s time for her to return to Minnesota. They have located a piece of land that will not only accommodate a new greenhouse for Karol, but also the business their son wants to start. The property has a large house and buildings, which was the site of a stagecoach station in the 1860’s. It has been restored, and has Karol and Dick thinking of several possibilities. It appears her third career will be at least as busy as those that preceded it. And a large piece of land, complete with a gravel pit is for sale across the street...of the new property!

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Region 2 Symposium 2000: An unqualified Success!
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A happy crew from Columbus, Ohio: Gail Johannes, Becky McMurry, Jim McMurry, Bill Johannes.

Look for these two additional Region 2 Symposium presentations in the next issue:
Elizabeth Salter’s From Wimberlyway to Rollingwood and John Rice’s Thoroughbred Daylilies
American Hemerocallis Society Region 2 Summer Meeting

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July 21, 22, 23 in the Year 2000

Your Host Club is looking forward to welcoming Region 2 members this summer.

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Highlights

- Guest speaker Robert Ellison
- Bargain plant table
- Seven gardens on tour
- Exh. judges clinics, garden judge workshops
- Friday evening slide show & plant auction

Registration Information

- $95.00 ...... per person with June 23 postmark
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Note: On Sunday, July 23, we will be visiting The Fields where we will have breakfast and tour the garden; then, we will go to Coburn Planting Fields in Valparaiso, Indiana. For those of you who wish to drive on your own to get a head start for home after the convention, please deduct $5 per person from your registration. Maps will be provided.

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Meet our Region 2 Summer Meeting 2000

Keynote Speaker: Bob Ellison

by Bill Sevetson

Bob grew up on a farm in Caledonia, a few miles northeast of Rockford, Illinois, and he with his wife, Patricia, have lived in Rockford for the last 21 years. His greenhouse and garden are on almost an acre of land in southwestern Rockford. He grew up working with plants, and he continues to enjoy it to this day. His hobbies include fishing and collecting toy tractors.

He began hybridizing “for fun” in 1990 and turned more serious with the introduction* of ANGELA RENAE (93), a red tetraploid. To date, he has registered/introduced some 50 diploids and tetraploids. He grows about 2000 seedlings each year, and he believes that he doesn’t have to grow excessive numbers of seedlings in order to get good results if he selects the right parents. Many of his daylily names start with the word “Prairie” because of his love of the Midwest and, primarily, for north central Illinois prairies.

Bob’s goals in hybridizing include developing cultivars that can adapt to all climactic conditions with emphasis on northern hardiness. He also looks for heavy substance, good bud count, and lots of ruffles. He believes that his best introduction to date is MICHELLE FAGER (97), named after his assistant in hybridizing and in the greenhouse.

Bob’s best tetraploid to date is RED LINE FEVER (98), a 30” M 5 3/4” dor very ruffled, bright, fire engine red with a green throat that has 4-way branching with a bud count of 25.

Two of his Year 2000 registrations, SALMON PIECRUST, a diploid with a ruffled edge that is piled high like the crust of a pie, and AIM FOR HEAVEN, a pink tetraploid with a rose-red eye and a double rose-red and gold edge, have already sold out.

Bob’s well-known Bloomfest (see Ellison’s advertisement on page 15 for details) runs from the second through the fourth weeks of July each summer.

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Region 2 Summer Meeting Tour Gardens

Once Upon A Millennium–Chicago 2000

Welcome
by Pat Bell

The members of the Chicagoland Daylily Society are looking forward to hosting the AHS Region 2 Meeting in Chicago during the first July of this new millennium. We are sure you will enjoy visiting the seven area gardens we have selected for your bus tour. These gardens have great collections of newer daylily cultivars as well as some of the older “must have” favorites. Some of these gardens are landscaped home gardens and some are also commercial gardens. Along with these beautiful gardens you will have an opportunity to learn from our banquet speaker, hybridizer Robert Ellison of Rockford, IL. We feel that, as our logo says, Once Upon a Millennium, Chicago 2000 has more than you dreamed for daylily growers. Last, but not least, you can enjoy the companionship of regional and out-of-region daylily friends.

Note: Except as noted, all photo credits for the Region 2 Summer Meeting tour gardens go to Rosemary Balazs of Chicagoland.

The Fields 2000 Display Garden

Greg Neuman and Diane Hucek
1850 Caton Farm Road, near Weber
Joliet, Illinois

Greg Neuman and Diane Hucek, owners of The Fields on Caton Farm Road, have carved out a 5-acre garden from their 200 acre working nursery. This commercial garden hosts approximately 350 varieties of daylilies, and it is designated an official AHS Display Garden.

Large, flowering beds are set in and among exquisite landscaping features. They include a gazebo, a large pergola, lakes and fountains. Brick pathways through several areas of the garden increase accessibility, and golf carts are also available for visitors.

During the peak bloom season and flower show (approximately June 20 to August 2), The Fields display cut daylilies beautifully in glass vases in their show-room. Other periods of interest are the spring daffodil show followed by Siberian iris and peony displays.

The Fields’ garden is open Mondays through Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm during the peak bloom. The Fields welcome visitors, and they can easily accommodate large groups of daylily enthusiasts.

Coburg Planting Fields

Phillip Brockington and Howard H. Reeve, Jr.
573 East 600 North
Valparaiso, Indiana 46383-9727

Coburg Planting Fields is a commercial nursery, national display garden, and home of Phil Brockington and Howard Reeve. Situated on a ten-acre, landscaped site outside Valparaiso, Indiana, the garden has been developing over 25 years. Howard and Phil grow approximately one thousand daylily cultivars and a sizable collection of hostas along with other perennials, trees, and shrubs. Many of the daylilies are in gardens, but most are in four fields totaling more than an acre.
Region 2 Summer Meeting Tour Gardens (continued)

Of special interest is the display garden housing about 150 spiders, variants, and exotics which Howard uses for hybridizing. For the Region 2 Summer Meeting, a collection of Curt Hanson’s newer daylilies has been incorporated into the landscape. Other features of interest are a field of daylily species, a small pond with a waterfall and frog collection, some sculptures, and a setting with old farm buildings. With luck, a G-gauge model railroad will be running through one of the gardens during our tour.

Diane and Bill Sevetson
5217 Lawn Ave, Western Springs, IL 60558

Diane and Bill have lived and gardened in Western Springs for some thirty-four years. They both grew up in nearby communities and also share a major interest in flowers. Before they caught the daylily bug, they had as many as 125 varieties of perennials in their garden. Bill joined the Suburban Men’s Garden Club in 1977 and was their president in 1981. Their interest in daylilies began in about 1987, and they joined the Chicagoland DS and the AHS in 1988. Bill served as president of Chicagoland for three years from 1992 through 1994. They have a typical suburban lot, which provides space for over 600 daylily varieties. They like all types of daylilies, especially large-flowered ones and doubles, to which Diane has taken a particular interest. Diane and Bill do not hybridize because of space limitations for seedlings. They simply enjoy collecting. The Sevetson Garden has been an AHS Display Garden since 1997. During the last few years, Bill has upgraded their collection considerably. Although their collection represents cultivars from many hybridizers, their largest collections are those of Pat Stamile, Curt Hanson, Oliver Billingslea, and Doc Branch. Dr. Branch believes they have the biggest collection of his cultivars in the country, including all of his “Smuggler” series registrations to date. They have guest plants from Bob Ellison, Leo Sharp, Ottis Houston, Oliver Billingslea, and Don Albers. Bill Potter and Bill Vaughn have also provided guest plants of other hybridizers.

The Sevetson Daylily Garden

The Pat and Chuck Bell Garden

Pat and Chuck Bell
39 W 582 Deer Run Drive, St. Charles, IL 60175

The two-acre country garden of Chuck and Pat Bell incorporates a wide variety of perennials for both sun and shade. Daylilies are a prominent feature in the sunny borders, but perennials, ornamental grasses and shrubs are used to create interesting views throughout the year. Pat, an avid plant collector, has designed and planted areas to incorporate different textures and colors to enhance the viewing of their 400-plus daylilies. In the shady part of the garden, numerous varieties of hosta, ferns, and other shade-loving perennials are featured.
The Pat and Chuck Bell Garden (continued)
The large variety of plants ensure that visitors to the garden will find a different emphasis during the seasons’ changes. One hundred year old Bur Oaks provide a cool retreat area for resting and for enjoying the changing views as the months progress from spring to fall.

This garden also contains the large number of Year 2000 Region 2 Engleth Award candidates. It is located in a choice part of the garden with good exposure to the sun. By July, they should be ready to show us their best features.

The Larson Garden

Joanne and Gaylen Larson
49 Woodland Drive, Barrington, IL 60010
Since 1973, Joanne and Gaylen Larson have lived and gardened along Flint Creek in Barrington, a northwest suburb located about 45 miles from the city of Chicago. Many mature oaks and the creek lend a parklike atmosphere to the back yard of their two-acre property. Carol McClintock, Joanne’s daylily mentor, advised her to plant hybrids to aid in erosion control along the creek bank. The first 14 plants were purchased at the Chicagoland Daylily Society’s August sale, and 10 of those plants are still growing along the creek.

The initial planting performed admirably in partial shade, and a double row of plants soon stretched along the creek. The creek-bank planting has been increased to a triple row, and still there are clumps awaiting a spot in one of the beds. Plants number over 500 at the present time, with over 90 hybridizers represented.

One of the beds in the front yard contains small- and miniature-flowered cultivars. This is not a hybridizer’s garden or a collector’s garden per se. It is planned, planted, and cared for by an ex-farm girl who loves to grow things, especially those plants that bloom. The Larsons take pride in growing healthy clumps of hemerocallis that send up a good number of scapes that bear well-formed, clear blossoms. Older “tried and true” cultivars are compared with newer ones. Most of the gardening chores are done by the Larsons, who do not use chemicals; so, you may see thrip damage. The battle with local critters, such as beaver, woodchuck, muskrat, and deer, is always an ongoing one.

No plants are marketed from this garden, but plants are shared with “hem” friends, garden club members, and they are donated for annual sales held by the local society.

Visitors are always welcomed every summer in this AHS Display Garden, especially in July.

The Garden of Rosemary Balazs
Rosemary Balazs
329 N. Oak Street, Hinsdale, IL 60521
Rosemary’s garden is located on a city-size lot in Hinsdale, but over 500 cultivars have found a home there. The owner’s love of daylilies has intensified since she took early retirement eight years ago, and every year there has been a new project to expand the daylily garden wherever possible.

Last year, she grouped many of her hemerocallis by
color in an attempt to harmonize the small garden in its overall effect. There are also two collections of flowers hybridized by Brother Reckamp and Leo Sharp. Both hybridizers emphasize glorious soft colors, and that is the mainstay of this garden.

Four years ago, the front garden was opened to expand the flower beds, and about 160 daylilies are now in this area. On the north side of this garden is also the gold, orange, and red grouping, enhanced with numerous perennials. While these colors are not favorites, grouped together they are probably the most exciting, electrifying spot in the garden.

Along the south side of the house, beyond the front entrance, is a pink grouping of old favorites, and in the center bed is the main Brookwood collection. Several guest plants were planted here for the Region 2 Meeting, some of which are the newest cultivars from Leo Sharp.

Because of the front garden’s proximity to a public sidewalk, the garden has become an excellent educational tool to inform the public about hemerocallis and the daylily organizations. The Chicagoland group meets at the local Community House in Hinsdale, but most passersby also learn of Rosemary’s two other daylily affiliations: The North Shore Iris and Daylily Society, which meets at the beautiful Chicago Botanic Garden in Glencoe, and the Prairieland Daylily Society, which meets in Bradley, Illinois.

This garden became an AHS Display Garden in 1998. The inspiration to pursue this honor was the hope that small gardens, by utilizing space to the maximum, can still provide a proper setting for our favorite flower.

**The Kirin Garden**

**Millie and Charlie Kirin**

8450 Heather Court, Burr Ridge, IL 60521

Some fifty years ago, when planning their future and thinking of having their own house, Millie would often remark, “When we have our house, I’m going to have nothing but grass and evergreens.” Today, they have their house at the end of the street in a cul-de-sac on a third of an acre with over 600 daylilies, some perennials, annuals, and hardly any evergreens. Charlie wonders what happened.

The daylilies are located in ten raised beds with a collection of Siloams, Marsh’s Chicago series, Leo Sharp’s Brookwoods, and Dennis Anderson’s Indy series. There is also a fine collection of doubles, which continues to grow and expand. The spiders are located just behind the Chicago bed. The remaining beds include some of the newer varieties as well as some of the “oldies but goodies.”

On any given day, the garden shed door opens around nine o’clock and closes about four. The Kirins work their garden daily. Millie does the planning and buying of daylilies while Charlie digs the holes and does the landscaping. All of this work helps make a beautiful blaze of color during blooming season.

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and quilled.

This combination of well-presented oral descriptions of such forms and a series of corresponding illustrative slides helped the audience understand better what the various terms mean. Plus, the cultivars were a good reminder that beauty is not confined to being round and gold braided any more than a single color. All in all, this was an excellent presentation that was both informative and a “hoot.”
This and That, from AHS to Regional Topics

Garden Judges

By Phyllis Cantini, Regional Garden Judges Liaison

How many times and how many different ways can we tell you, Region 2 Needs Garden Judges!

Garden Judges are the people who vote the national cultivar awards. If you want input into selecting the winners, you should be a garden judge.

If you attend the AHS National Convention or Region 2 Summer Meeting this summer, try to schedule your time to take in the Garden Judge Workshops. There are two workshops required, both easy, both with knowledgeable instructors. No tests!

How easy is it to be a Garden Judge? Do you visit 5 or more gardens a year? Can you attend one National or Regional to qualify? Then, after becoming a garden judge, can you fit in two Nationals or Regionals over a 5-year period? It’s that easy.

Other than remembering to vote on time each year, it’s a “piece of cake.”

Of course, we do want our judges to be conscientious in their observing and voting on cultivars, which is why we ask our members to take the classes to learn the responsibilities of being a Garden Judge. I hope I have encouraged some of you to take the Workshops this summer, and I am looking forward to seeing some new faces in the class.

Remember, Region 2 needs more Garden Judges!

Please contact me:

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Looking Ahead

AHS Region 2 Meetings

2000: Chicagoland Daylily Society,

2001: Greater Cincinnati Daylily and Hosta Society

2002: Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society


Region 2 Englerth Award

This hybridizing excellence award is open to Region 2 hybridizers exclusively. All seedling and cultivars that have not been registered are eligible. Plants entered as candidates for this award are to be planted in one of the designated Region 2 Summer Meeting tour gardens and are to be marked with a code number only. All attendees of the Region 2 Meeting are encouraged to vote on ballots to be supplied by the meeting chairperson. The award medallions are to be engraved with the winner’s name and are awards to be cherished.

To enter your seedling, ship enough fans of the plant so that it has a good chance of blooming on the day of the tour.

Information about future annual regional meetings and the shipment of plants for Englerth consideration and as guest plants follow below.

Contacts and shipping info for Englerth Award candidate plants:

2000 – Chicagoland Daylily Society
Pat and Charles Bell
39W582 Deer Run Drive
St. Charles, IL 60175
630-377-3705

2001 – Greater Cincinnati Daylily and Hosta Society
Betsy Detmer
1562 New London Road
Hamilton, OH 45013
513-895-6509

2002 – Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society
Janice Seifert
906 Heather Lake Drive
Clarkston, MI 48348
248-393-0844
janeseifert@usa.net

2003 – Co-hosts: Madison County DS and the Southwestern Illinois Hemerocallis Society
Debbie Gray
Meridian Gardens
8209 Bivens Road
Dorsey, IL 62021
618-377-1481
meridian@spiff.net

Tell Your Friends to join AHS...
And visit these AHS Web Sites:

• http://www.daylilies.org/daylilies.html
• http://www.daylilies.org
• Daylilies Growing Along The Information Highway: http://www.daylilies.com/daylilies
• For a complete list of Daylily Internet Home Page Listings, write to Ted White: tedwhite1@aol.com
ELECTING A REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT:
It's YOUR Responsibility!

The Region 2 Nominating Committee's RVP Candidate Gregory W. McMullen joined the American Hemerocallis Society in 1994, which was just after his initial involvement with the Indiana Daylily-Iris Society and after his attendance at the Region 2 Summer Meeting in Indianapolis. More recently, Greg was a founding member of the Hoosier Daylily Society in an effort to develop a better support group for others with a serious daylily addiction. Bryant Millikan, from whom he received a wealth of growing tips and techniques, spurred his interest in daylilies and in hybridizing. Greg is eagerly anticipating the first crop of his miniature spiders in the summer of 2000.

Greg has always felt that continuing education plays an important part of anyone's life. To that end, he and Don Jerabek were Region 2 Winter Symposium co-chairpersons in 1997, 1998, and 1999, and they were also co-recipients of the 1998 Regional Newsletter Award for Best Article About Hybridizing published in the AHS Region 4 newsletter. Greg has found that being a member of the AHS E-mail Robin has been a source for a wealth of information about daylilies.

The listed candidate was selected by the Region 2 Nominating Committee consisting of Chair Verna Habermel, Indiana; Harold Steen, Wisconsin; and Rosemary Foltz, Ohio.

Vote for only one candidate, either the committee's recommendation or a write-in candidate.
Votes for write-in candidate require permission of the candidate.
The listed candidate was selected by the Region 2 Nominating Committee consisting of Chair Verna Habermel, Indiana; Harold Steen, Wisconsin; and Rosemary Foltz, Ohio.

Ballot - Region 2 RVP
Two year term 2001-2002

- Vote for only one candidate and mark your ballot with an “X” in the box.
- Ballot must be signed and dated to be counted.
- Ballot must be postmarked no later than June 15, 2000.

Mail to: Mrs. Verna Habermel
3619 Wagner Drive
Floyds Knobs, Indiana 47119

Gregory W. McMullen
(For Write-in Candidate)
Voter's Signature Date
City State

Ballot - Region 2 RVP
Two year term 2001-2002

(This Ballot is for Second AHS Family Member)

- Vote for only one candidate and mark your ballot with an “X” in the box.
- Ballot must be signed and dated to be counted.
- Ballot must be postmarked no later than June 15, 2000.

Mail to: Mrs. Verna Habermel
3619 Wagner Drive
Floyds Knobs, Indiana 47119

Gregory W. McMullen
(For Write-in Candidate)
Voter's Signature Date
City State
By Verna Habermel

The world of daylilies lost one of its most ardent supporters in September 1999.

Riley Barnett was a grower and hybridizer in the Southern Indiana area. He was loved by all who knew him. Riley started growing daylilies back in the 80’s. Then, about ten years ago, he started hybridizing. He was heard to complain that all he was getting were “muddy flowers.” He upgraded his hybridizing plants, and he purchased some of the newest and best cultivars from Kirchhoff, Morss, the Stamiles, and the Salters. During the last summer, he was blooming some really great seedlings, and he had planned to register some of his creations in the near future.

Riley not only sold daylilies, but he worked with anyone who needed information about a cultivar. He was truly a teacher and mentor. In September of this year, just before this death, Riley donated many STOUT Medal Winners to the Interpretative Center here in southern Indiana for its extensive daylily beds are. Many of the cultivars in these beds were originally donated by Riley and his wife Doris. The Barnett’s donated many of the flowers to the local churches’ flower beds. Riley was so proud of his AHS Display Garden, Barnett’s Hillside Garden, located in Memphis, Indiana. He served the AHS as a Garden Judge, and he was working towards his exhibition judge status.

At the time of his death, Riley was honorary President of the newly formed Daylily Society of Southern Indiana. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, and he will always be remembered for his love of daylilies.

Thank you to all of you who donated plants, drawings, and books to the Region 2 Symposium auction, and thank you to all of you who bid on the offered cultivars and items:

We appreciate your support!

Thank You for Donating Funds so Generously to the Region 2 Newsletter

This listing reflects those donations received since the 1999/2000 Fall/Winter publication of the Region Two Newsletter.

The Wisconsin Daylily Society
The Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society
Jerry P. and Pamela Williams of Cincinnati, Ohio
Daylily Society of Southeast Wisconsin
Information About AHS Personal Awards

Regional Service Award

In 1974 the Board of Directors established that the Society may award a limited number of medals each year to members of the regions for outstanding service at the regional level. An equivalent award, the International Service Award, may be awarded to a member of AHS International. Currently serving board members and Regional Vice Presidents are not eligible for this award. No more than one AHS Regional Service medal shall be awarded within a region per year. A dual award for two members of the same family will count as one. Nominations must come from members of the nominee’s region. In the case of the international award, nominations may also be submitted by the AHS International Secretary. Nominations must be sent to the AHS Awards and Honors Chairman by 1 September. Each nomination must be typed, single-spaced on one sheet of paper, and must contain a summary of the nominee’s worthiness for this award. Selections are made by secret ballot at the national convention. The award presentations are made at the next national convention. Society-sponsored personal awards are made annually, and the recipients of the various awards are determined by vote of the Board of Directors or by special panels of judges.

AHS Board of Directors determines the recipients of the following awards:

The Society may honor two of its members each year for outstanding service and accomplishment by conferring the following medals:

Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal

This is the Society’s highest honor and is the official recognition for distinguished and meritorious service rendered the Society by a member on the national level. A thorough investigation shall be made in determine the recipient of the Helen Field Fischer Award. A complete list of services the candidates have rendered the Society shall be made for all members considered for this honor. A dual award for two members of the same family will count as one.

Bertrand Farr Silver Medal

This medal is a distinguished honor for members who have attained outstanding results in the field of hybridizing. For the Bertrand Farr Award, a complete investigation shall be made of the qualifications and accomplishments of the hybridizers considered. A list of all awards (outside awards as well as AHS awards) and appearances on the Popularity Poll should be made. Special attention should be given to unusual accomplishments such as new color breaks, etc. This award can only be given to a single individual.

In order to assist the Board of Directors in determining the most worthy candidates, AHS members may send their nominations for these two awards to the AHS Awards and Honors Chairman by 1 September. Each nomination must be typed, single-spaced on one sheet of paper, and must contain a summary of the nominee’s worthiness for this award. Currently serving board members and Regional Vice Presidents are not eligible for either of these awards.

The names of all candidates, with a listing of their qualifications and accomplishments, shall be presented to the Board of Directors by the AHS Awards and Honors Chairman prior to the fall board meeting. Final selection will be made by secret ballot of the board. Announcement of the winners of both awards, if merited, and presentation of the medals will be made at the annual Awards and Honors Banquet.

Southwestern Indiana Daylily Society Uses Point System for Distribution of Asset Plants.

by Lea Ann Williams

SWIDS budgets a certain amount of money each year for purchase of recently introduced daylilies. These daylilies are ordered from various hybridizers and are received in April each year for distribution to members to grow in their gardens for two years. In April of the second year, the member keeps two fans and returns the remainder to the club. One fan of each cultivar is planted in the club display garden at the Sheriff’s Training Center in Evansville, Indiana. The remaining fans are auctioned to members.

The first two years these plants were distributed to all club members by a random drawing. Then a member suggested a system to reward members who work hardest to benefit SWIDS and promote the daylily. The idea was to award SWIDS members a certain number of points for doing various duties associated with the club. This idea was voted upon and accepted. A point schedule was developed by a committee and accepted by the membership. A certain number of points are awarded to each officer, director, chairperson, newsletter editor, etc. Points are awarded for belonging to AHS, attending national, regional, and local meetings. Members receive points for giving programs at meetings or by representing SWIDS and giving daylily programs at other community events. Points are given for bringing refreshments, door prizes, writing news articles, exhibiting daylilies at the show, etc. Points are awarded for hosting a garden tour at your garden, etc. There are also per/hour points awarded for duties such as digging, washing or labeling plants for the sale and many other activities.

Members are responsible for reporting their points monthly to the “point tabulator,” who records and tabulates all points. (The “point keeper” also receives points for this responsibility.) The SWIDS point keeper has a system set up on a computer.

In April, these points are then used to determine the position for which the newly-purchased asset plants are chosen. The member with the highest number of points is awarded the points from all vendors.
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SWIDS Point System (continued from page 44)
points for the previous year gets first choice, etc. When
the asset plants are brought back after two years for
auction, members use the same previous year’s points
to bid on these plants. One point is worth $1.00. They
may also use cash if they wish.

There are other requirements that must be met in or-
der to receive asset plants. The SWIDS member must
be an AHS member and must have accumulated a mini-
mum of 60 points during the previous year.
The “point system” has been very successful. Members
are eager to volunteer and take a more active part in
club functions. Everyone can earn points in some way
if they choose. If members are physically unable to
perform labor such as digging, they can earn points by
providing refreshments, donating door prizes or
through contributing in a number of other activities.
If you would like more details on the point system, con-
tact Don or Lea Ann Williams at 812-922-5288 or
drw@dynasty.net. We would be happy to help your
club set up a similar system for your asset plant distri-
bution.

Northern Grown Daylilies and Growing Daylilies Hydrop onically (continued from page 29)
will involve spraying the hydroponic TC plants with growth
regulators to induce plant multiplication or change ploidy.
He feels many new fascinating daylily happenings are on
the horizon, whether achieved by genetic engineering, gene-
gun technology, chemical mutants, or radiation (gamma, x-
ray, etc.). Mr. Doorakian believes we need national/regional
testing of all daylily introductions along with a hardiness
rating being assigned.

Mr. Doorakian closed his program with this motivational
advice: “We are in the new Millennium. Old rules do not
apply. We are what we think we are. Reinvent yourself. Learn
to dance. Embrace new heights. Explore new territory. Mentor
someone young or old. Do what you love.”

Some Moments from the Symposium

Paul Limmer from New York and Dr. Joann Stewart
from Georgia who wrote about the Region 2 Symposium
presentations.

Anxious “equipment” moments for Curt Hanson

Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society
Projects for the 21st Century

The Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society has some new and special projects:
The 21st Century Project is a joint, long-
term, educational project of the BSHDS at
the Toledo Botanical Gardens (TBG) in To-
ledo, Ohio. The project’s mission is to pro-
mote the appreciation and cultivation of day-
lilies and hostas in the home garden and in
the public landscape. This mission will be pursued through
the establishment of comprehensive daylily and hosta collec-
tions and displays whose botanical diversity and depth of pre-
sentation will generate return visits by the casual stroller and
novice gardener, avid gardeners, and daylily fanciers right
along to the master gardeners and professional landscape de-
signers. The Society, along with TBG, will conduct educational
workshops that will focus on the cultivation of daylilies.
The centerpiece of TBG’s daylily collection is the Crescent
Bed located in the Perennial Garden. The display plan of
this collection is based on sectional groupings of all the ma-
jor AHS award winners, including the Stout Silver Medal,
Donn Fisher Memorial Award, Annie T. Giles Award,
Lenington All-America Award, Ida Munson Award, L. Ernest
Plouf Award, Don C. Stevens Award, Harris Olson Spider
Award, Eugene S. Foster Award, the James E. Marsh Award
winners, and the species daylilies. All award winners are
arranged by year in which the award was won.
Several hundred more daylilies are also on display with many
new cultivars being added each year. AHS members are en-
couraged to plan a trip to Toledo to see this complete display
of award winners that have been planted at TBG.
Contact: Don Bixler, President, 2550 Cherry Ridge Dr., Fremont,
OH 43240  Tel: 419-0355-8116  Email: daylilyguy@nwonline.net
AHS Exhibition Judges for Region 2

by Jay Turman, Chairman, AHS Judges and Clinics Committee

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Legend:

EX = Senior Exhibition Judge
E/j = Junior Exhibition Judge
E/h = Honorary Exhibition Judge (not eligible to judge)
I = Accredited Clinic Instructor
S = Student in Training
Date = Expiration of accreditation
* Serving 1-year hardship extension

A Letter from our Regional Exhibition Judges Liaison Richard Ford

Here we are again looking forward to another summer of viewing fabulous blooms, visiting great gardens, and talking hours about daylilies to friends and strangers. Then, there are the daylily club shows.

This is still another facet of growing, displaying, and loving daylilies. The club show is putting daylilies at their best on the show table in front of the public. In the garden we take care to make daylilies look their best. Well, we do the same at the show table, but in a very meticulous fashion. Friends come in handy to help learn these meticulous “tricks of the trade.” All this fuss is for ribbons and honors at the show and for the public to learn more about daylilies.

This leads us to “The Judge,” or should I say judges. They are the ones that take the time to observe daylilies constantly in all settings. Actually, we all do that anyway, but judges have a good reason to look.

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Notice of Important Changes Regarding the AHS Garden Judges Workshops

Beginning with 1999, prospective new AHS Garden Judges will be required to take two workshops:

**Workshop I** and **Workshop II**

**Workshop I**
This workshop is designed to educate AHS membership in the area of the AHS Honors and Awards system, differentiating those awards that are determined by the Garden Judge and those awards that are determined by the various AHS Honors and Awards committee. Workshop I also instructs what a Garden Judge is and how Garden Judges evaluate seedlings and registered cultivars.

**Workshop II**
This workshop costs $5.00 and is designed for those AHS members wishing to join the ranks as a Garden Judge. Current Garden Judges are required to attend this workshop at least once in the last three years of their current term for renewal purposes. They may attend this workshop yearly for noncredit purposes (free).

Workshop I and II will continue to be offered during the Region 2 Annual Summer Meetings, and nothing prohibits clubs from sponsoring a Workshop I at a club meeting. Call your Region 2 Liaison or RVP for details.

Region Two currently has 110 active Garden Judges and 4 Honorary Garden Judges. We encourage all Region AHS members to attend a Workshop I and to give serious consideration to becoming an AHS Garden Judge.

Garden Judges are the backbone of the awards system for recognizing registered cultivars.
Elector a Regional Vice President: It's YOUR Responsibility! (continued from page 37)

Training is involved with becoming a AHS Exhibition Judge. Along with their own time observing and learning, judges attend clinics at regional and national meetings on three levels. Clinic-I deals with general topics of knowledge for a judge and a test over the material. Clinic-II is the actual training and testing to become a junior exhibition judge. Then, with experience as a show judge and with displaying at an accredited AHS show, you are ready to become a senior judge. Clinic-III is for junior and senior judges as a refresher course of all the training from Clinics I and II. Then there is an open discussion of problems encountered as a judge. This is then reported to the national committee and from that can develop better shows and rules to govern them.

For those of you up to the challenge, becoming a judge can be very rewarding. You will provide a service to the region and its clubs by helping educate the public to all the possibilities of daylilies. Personally, you will have an insight into the workings of one of the biggest undertakings of AHS—an accredited AHS daylily show—that only a few AHS members have.

Look for the sign-up for Clinics I, II, and III when your registration for the regional meeting. I hope to see new faces in our clinics this year. Plenty of people will help get you on the road to an interesting job—judging. See you then.
Club Information and Events Calendar (continued)

Fort Wayne Daylily Society, Inc.

President J. Paul Downey reports that the club elders have spoken, and there will be a club Foellinger-Freimann Daylily Show on Saturday, July 15. Wow!

• Spring Round Up Meeting.................. Date to be announced
• Louisville Daylily Show .................. Sunday, June 25
• Indianapolis Daylily Show ................. Saturday, July 1
• Fort Wayne Daylily Display* Show .... Saturday, July 15
• Summer Show meeting ................. Date to be announced
• Fall Meeting with Speaker Bob Ellison of Ellison Perennials, Rockford, Illinois ......... Date and location to be announced

*Contact President Downey for time and dates.

Greater Cincinnati Daylily & Hosta Society

President John Duke and the club members have planned this events calendar:
April 6.. Club meeting and program Daylily Companion Plants.

May 11 ..... Club meeting, program Favorite Hostas and Grooming.
• May 20 ............. Tour of members’ Hosta gardens.
• June 3 .............. 11th Annual Hosta Cut-Leaf Show
• June 8 .............. Club meeting and Adopt-a-Plant.
• July 1 .................. 17th Annual Daylily Show
• July 8 .................. Tours of members’ daylily gardens
• July 22 .................. Members’ bus tour to the Louisville, KY, area.
• August 5 ........ Joint Hosta meeting with Dayton and Columbus clubs.
• August 19 ............ Plant exchange, auction, and potluck lunch.
• September 21 .......... Club meeting and Judy’s Goodie Auction.
• October 21 .......... Annual Banquet

Hoosier Daylily Society Inc.

Don Jerabek reports this Hoosier Calendar of Events:

• February 24, 2000, 7:00 pm, Carmel City Hall.
Plan on attending this month to experience a wonderful tour of AHS Display Gardens organized by Melanie Vassalo, AHS Display Garden Chairperson.

• March 23, 2000, 7:00 pm, Carmel City Hall.
March will be an exciting month, as Jamie Gossard of Columbus, Ohio, will visit us. Jamie will talk about his Spider Breeding Program and will astound us with some of his wonderful scientific knowledge about propagation.

• April 27, 2000, 7:00 pm, Carmel City Hall
We will have the pleasure of having local daylily grower Michael Whitlock recant his talk that was first presented at Region 2 Symposium 1996 on local hybridizer Bryant Millikan.

• May 25, 2000, 7:00 pm, Carmel City Hall
Mecca Madness! Recent slides taken in Florida gardens will be presented, as well as a speaker to be announced.

• Summer Hiatus

• September 28, 2000, 7:00 pm, Carmel City Hall
Monthly Meeting

• October 26, 2000, 7:00 pm, Carmel City Hall
Monthly Meeting

• November 16, 2000, 7:00 pm, Carmel City Hall
Monthly Meeting

The club has a “Hoods-link” to the Internet:
http://www.garden.dmans.com/jshields/Hoosier/

Ohio Daylily Society

President Rosemarie Foltz reports these club activities and dates for 2000. Meetings will be held at Kingwood Center in Mansfield, Ohio. Also, please note that the show chair will be Sandy Ross.

• July 16 ............ Daylily Show
• August 20 ....... Daylily sale at noon, followed by auction
• November 5 .... Fall Meeting at 1:30 pm

Southwestern Illinois Daylily Club

Agnes Miller reports that the club will have a great program besides the regular meeting in 2000. Activities will include a plant sale, visits to members yards, the annual flower show, an out-of-state trip to visit some beautiful gardens, and visits to people who are in hospitals. Club members will make it a point to vote in the Region 2 Popularity Poll.

The Daylily Society of Southeast Wisconsin

New officers for the year 2000 are:

President: ...................... Don Coshun (262-547-2408)
Vice President: .......... Zannah Crowe (262-677-1392)
Secretary: .................... Sue Corcoran (262-679-3180)
Treasurer: ..................... Ed Kraus (414-529-1213)

RPD’s and Editor’s Note: Please share your club news with others in our region. Send summarized information, please. Deadlines are March 1 and September 1.
**Club Information and Events Calendar (continued)**

### Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

Bill Johannes reports:

Under the leadership of President Pete Mondron and with the help of scores of willing member volunteers, MCDS hasn’t missed a beat since hosting last year’s Region 2 Summer meeting.

Our annual plant sale and auction in August was such a financial success that the club made grants to AHS Region 2 (for the newsletter), the AHS Monroe Endowment Fund, and Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus. Meetings have been well attended, with member Lynn Fronk showing how to include daylilies in flower arrangements at the November meeting. Florida hybridizer MATTHEW KASKEL warmed a winter-weary crowd at the February meeting with his slides and breeding program discussion.

Almost 100 members and family attended the annual Holiday potluck and gift exchange in December, chaired by Jan Clark and Gisela Meckstroth.

Four more MCDS member gardens were approved as AHS Display Gardens, bringing the total to 9 MCDS member gardens honored with the AHS distinction. We are particularly proud of youth member, Nick Lucius, who is the First AHS Youth Member to achieve AHS Display Garden status.

Membership, after annual renewals, now stands at 223, with 145 of our members also belonging to AHS.

We look forward to our upcoming activities and invite anyone in the Central Ohio area to join us for fun and fellowship.

- **May 13**................................. Spring meeting. Plant auction and drawing 2 pm Franklin Park Conservatory.
- **July 9**................................. Annual MCDS Daylily Show Franklin Park Conservatory
- **August 19**............................... Annual MCDS Plant Sale (open to the public) 10 am Franklin Park Conservatory.
- **November 5**............................ Fall meeting and speaker (TBA) 2 pm Franklin Park Conservatory December 10 Holiday Potluck and gift exchange 6 pm Franklin Park Conservatory

### Northshore Iris & Daylily Society

President Alice Simon reports the following schedule of events:

- April 2 ......................... Spring Fling Buffet and Program
- May 7 ......................... Program and Meeting
- May 27 ......................... Sale of Iris and Daylilies
- May 28 ......................... Iris Show and Sale
- June* .................................. Bus Trip
- July 29 ......................... Sale of Iris and Daylilies
- July 30 ......................... Daylily Show and Sale
- Aug. 26 .............................. Late Sale
- Aug. 27 .............................. Late Sale
- Sept. 3 ......................... Program and Meeting
- Oct. 1 ......................... Program and Meeting
- Nov. 5 .............................. Election and Chili Bash

*For date of bus trip, contact Alice Simon.

The Club is in the process of planting a display garden of both Iris and Daylilies at Friendship Park in Des Plaines. This will be our second year, and we still have quite a bit of work to do; but, we should have some good bloom this season.

### Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society

**Our Calendar for 2000:**

- May 19 ........ General Meeting; Gardening Forum by local members
- June 23 .... General Meeting; Preparing for the Exhibition Show, July 7 .................. Speaker Ned Roberts
- July 8 .................. Show, Plant sale
- July 9 ............. Picnic, Garden Judge Workshops I & II
- Aug. 26 .................. Plant sale
- Sep. 17 .................. Annual Corn Roast
- Nov. 3 .... General Meeting; speaker: Melanie Vassallo, NY
- Dec. 11 .................. General Meeting

Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society is sponsoring the 2002 AHS National Convention. Hal Rice is chairman, Armand DeLisle is co-chair.

We are working on a theme, and logo that will be "catchy."

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Phone: 248-363-2352

We are planning to put out the red carpet for the 2002 National Convention attendees.

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**Consider getting or giving an AHS Life Membership at this year’s bargain price (see front inside cover)! It will cost more next year.**

*(See A Letter from our Director, page 3)*
A new club has formed in Region 2: **Daylily Society of Southern Indiana**. The officers for 2000 are as follows:

- John F. Habermel ......................... President
- Melvin (Joe) Stone ................ Vice President
- Mary Stone, ................................... Treasurer
- Billie Johnson ................................. Secretary

The new club has as a primary goal, education, especially of youth, and has affiliated with the Prossor School of Technology. The School offers a program in horticulture with emphasis on landscaping and gardening. The Daylily Society of Southern Indiana has offered to assist students in learning the culture of daylilies including ideal soil preparation and hybridizing.

Although only four months old, there are already 32 dues paying members. Twelve members of the club are members of the AHS. One of the next major projects, according to President John Habermel, will be to develop bylaws for the club. Club members have donated daylilies to the students for use in the School’s greenhouse and for the students to use in landscaping projects and will participate with the students in daylily plant sales in the future.

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**Southwestern Illinois Hemerocallis Society**

President Lu Dickhaut reports that the Southwestern Illinois Hemerocallis Society will co-host the **Region 2 Meeting in 2003** with the Madison County Daylily Society. She also tells us about the following activities:

- May 5 ...... Companion Plant Sale (donated by members)
- June 24 Daylily display and sale in Famous Barr Court, .............................................................. Alton Square Mall.
- July 2 ....................... Garden tours of area gardens
- Aug. 4 ....................... Daylily auction for members
- Aug. (not set yet) ...... Picnic at Muenstermann Pavilion, ............................................. Gordon Moore Park, Alton, Illinois
- September 9 ....................... Civic Planting*
- Dec. 3 ....................................................... Holiday party

*Note: Civic Planting is to be in Bethalto in appreciation of the large facility they allow us to use for our meetings.
Welcome, New Region 2 Members!

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314-353-4839

Pam Hurd is pleased to announced that the Southwestern Illinois Hemerocallis Society of Granite City has changed its club name to: Madison County Daylily Society.

President: Janice Hammers
618-797-6038

Vice President: Sandy Monroe
618-465-5869

Treasurer: Helen Mihu
618-452-5866

Secretary: Marianne James
(618-931-7146

News Correspondent: Pam Hurd
314-353-4839

Scheduled meetings and events are as follows:
March 2 Regular meeting
May 4 Daylily auction & meeting
May 13 Annual Spring Companion plant sale
June 22 Pre-show meeting place to be announced
July 1 Annual Daylily Show & Sale @ Alton Square Mall Alton Illinois
August 4 Regular meeting
October 5 Regular meeting
December Club Christmas Party To be announced

All meeting are at the Granite City Eagles on Madison Ave. In Granite City, IL, unless otherwise noted. Please contact the club correspondent Pam Hurd at 314-353-4839 or email her at mphurd@earthlink.net for directions to any club event or for further information.

Take Note
The Madison County DS and the Southwestern Illinois Hemerocallis Society will co-host the Region 2 Summer Meeting from June 27 to 29 in 2003. Debbie Gray will be in charge of the Engleth bed, and plants should be mailed to her at Meridian Gardens 8209 Bivens Road, Dorsey II 62021. Her phone number is (618) 377-1481. The daylily bed for the Engleth award candidates will be ready so hybridizers can send plants late this coming summer or fall. (Please refer also to page 41, This and That, from AHS to Regional Topics.)
Welcome, New Region 2 Members! (continued)

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Listing reflects those new AHS members received since the end of July 99 up to and including the listing received dated February 23, 2000, to be published in the Spring/Summer edition of the Region 2 newsletter.
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The Garden of Pat and Chuck Bell, St. Charles, Illinois

*Photo: Rosemary Balazs*