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- AHS and Region Two events.
- Region Two members and hybridizers.
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This is a “screen” version of the original newsletter. All photos/images that were
printed in black-white (grayscale), are brought here in color. Gisela

Front Cover: Englerth Award winner TO GO BOLDLY (Gus Guzinski 2003)
Photo credit (digital image) goes to Louise James of Cedarhorn Gardens, Shelbyville, Indiana.

Back Cover: Anita Holst’s Little Shaw’s Garden with photo provided by Richard Norman of Albion, Illinois.
Looking ahead at the National Convention Calendar

2003 ... Mid-Carolina D. S. and Piedmont D.C., Charlotte, NC .......... June 18-21, 2003
2004 ... The Greater St. Louis D. S., St. Louis, MO ......................... June 30-July 3, 2004
2005 ... Greater Cincinnati H. S., Cincinnati, OH ......................... June 29-July 3, 2005
2006 ... Long Island Daylily Society, Long Island, NY .................... July 13-16, 2006
2007 ... Hemerocallis Society of Minnesota, MN ......................... July 18-21, 2007
2008 ... Combined Texas Daylily Clubs, TX ................................. May 2008

A cold winter bringing no snow cover to northern Illinois is almost over and not a minute too soon. I remember the frantic digging, dividing and replanting last August and September and hope that the oak leaf mulch was applied thickly enough to protect those newly planted in the beds. The cardinals are calling and goldfinches are showing streaks of yellow, so spring must be on the way. If you were not one of the 485 daylily enthusiasts who attended the AHS national convention in Troy in July, you missed a great time, absolutely beautiful gardens, a spirited plant auction, and lots of “daylily talk.” I would like to thank Convention Chair Hal Rice, Associate Chair Armand DeLisle, the tour garden owners, and the entire membership of the Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society for hosting us in such a wonderful manner. All of us in Region 2 can be very proud of your efforts!

In 2002, I attended two board meetings. There were the usual routine business items—minutes, treasurer’s report, and committee reports.

Briefly, other items covered in the all-day meetings were as follows:

• The AHS membership count as of 9-30-02 was 12,013.
• There continues to be need for Exhibition and Garden Judges; a set of 80 slides for Garden Judges instruction has been sent to all regional Garden Judges Liaisons.
• As of 1-1-03, new cultivar registration will be a one-step process at the current $15 fee; the reserved name fee (2 years) will be reduced from $10 to $6; the registration revision fee will be reduced from $15 to $6.

• Two research projects were approved re Puccinia hemerocallidis (daylily rust)—to Tom Hsiang, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada, ($6,200), and to James Buck, Daren Mueller and Jean L. Williams-Woodard, University of Georgia ($5,000).

Your input would be very much appreciated on the following items that were brought up for discussion at the October 2002 board meeting:

• Gary Rieben, Region 9 Director and Registrations Committee Chair, reported that his committee would like to retire the term spider variant. All cultivars with a petal ratio of 4.0 or more would be called a spider. Hopefully this would simplify the definition and reduce confusion between the two sets of ratios.

• Rich Rosen, Region 6 Director and Awards and Honors Chair, presented ideas for possible additional categories for cultivars that are taking hemerocallis in new directions. Categories might be Early Season, Extra Large Diameter, Tall (over 40”), Bicolor, Polytepal, and Distinction (sculpting, teeth, stippling, bubbling). Interesting categories to think about!

For more information on the proposals above, you may want to read my message on the Region 2 website (http://www.ahsregion2.org), but don’t hesitate to contact me, RVP Ed Myers, or Gary and Rich with your comments.

Hope to see you at the National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, June 18-21 and at our Regional meeting in Collinsville, Illinois, June 27-29!
As I begin my term as your Regional Vice President, I am grateful I live in Region Two where the members are willing to serve when they are needed. I want to thank the many officers of the Region that agreed to continue to serve our region. I can only be an effective RVP if I have the help and support of our region members.

I am sure most of you are wondering what has happened to your 2002 Region Two Fall/Winter Newsletter. Unfortunately due to the illness of our editor of 2002 this issue was not printed. I am sure we all wish Leslie a fast and full recovery.

When you receive this newsletter the 2003 Region Two Symposium will be history, but I am sure Curt Hanson and Juli Hyatt have again done an extraordinary great job of organizing the Symposium and bringing all 16 speakers together. We cannot say enough thanks or express our gratitude to Curt and Juli for their hard work and dedication for the past 3 years.

As we walk in our gardens this summer let us all be thankful the threat of problems like rust, etc. only makes us more appreciative of our gardens that we all love enough to spend so much time working in them.

I look forward to seeing many of our members at the AHS convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, and at our Region Two Summer meeting in Collinsville, Illinois. The host club, The Southwestern Illinois Daylily Society, is working very hard to get everything ready for this meeting and will have eight great gardens for us to enjoy as we socialize with other daylily hemaholics.

While attending these meetings please strongly consider attending the judges clinics and workshops. Your region still does not have nearly enough exhibition and garden judges, and you certainly do not need to be a science major to qualify.

May you all have a pleasant summer and a great bloom season.

Ed

To recognize the quality of club newsletters in Region 2, an award was established in 2001 to honor these club editors. Procedures and criteria:

1. The award shall be based on publications issued during a single calendar year and shall be presented by the Region 2 Awards and Honors Chair at the Annual Meeting the following year.
2. The award may be given more than once to any club in successive years, but not more than once to any specific editor of a local club newsletter.
3. The RVP, RPD, and Editor who are in office during the year for which the award is given shall determine the Award.
4. Voting shall be based only on the information that is directly received by each officer.
5. The criteria for evaluation SHALL include the following: diversity and quality of content, timeliness of information, timeliness and consistence of publication.
6. The criteria for evaluation MAY include any of the following: graphic layout; incorporation of pertinent photos; and incorporation of other graphics (logos, figures, etc.)

The winner of the 2001 Award was Marcia Razor, Southwestern Indiana Daylily Society.
Editor’s Message

The course of our lives can take some unexpected detours. Here I am with editor’s shoes on again. The Popularity Poll for the year 2002 in this newsletter since no Fall 2002-Winter 2003 issue was published. Other features that usually appear in the fall-winter newsletters are also in these pages along with the traditional, seasonal spring-summer topics.

First, I would like to thank all Region 2 Pop Poll voters for sending in their ballots via snail-mail, e-mail, and for voting from our electronic voting booth. The cultivars for whom we Region 2 members voted are certainly widely acknowledged beauties and consistent performers.

Many of us had the good fortune of being able to attend an AHS national convention. The location during the 2002 Summer was not only within driving distance for me this year, but the hotel stood at an intersection where I had lived during the first seven years of my life in the USA (1957-1965). Attending our regional summer meetings and national conventions certainly gives participants ample opportunities to make daylily friends from so many places, and it is a thoroughly enjoyable time for old and new daylily friends.

This year’s growing and blooming period has given us Region 2 members a pretty good idea of how rust can behave up here in our northern region. I hope you will read the write-up of Katherine Whitten’s (Graduate student at The Ohio University under Dr. Nameth) rust update in the Region 2 Symposium 2003 pages in this issue. Our AHS Scientific Studies Chair Cindy W. Johnson reminds us to visit the updated rust information web site: http://www.daylilyrust.org and to participate in the Rust Survey (once on the web site, click on the Survey link).

Garden Judging: I was surprised to see that I have grown, or have seen (in the local, regional, or national tour gardens), all but two of the Stout Silver Medal candidates printed on the AHS 2002 Official Awards & Honors Ballot. That gives me special joy since I deduct from this that I have been around daylilies for quite a while now.

Our Region 2 Popularity Poll voters had to pare their selections to a maximum of 10 cultivars, a little more difficult than selecting the favorite 25 for the previous years’ Pop Polls. What is as important as looking at the top vote-getting cultivars is the fact that all daylilies earning votes from Region 2 Popularity Poll voters tend to perform well in our climate and can be recommended to newcomers in our 25 local clubs and to our gardening friends and neighbors.

Thank you to all of you who did take the time to vote in the poll.

Gisela

Your Vote in the Region Two 2002 Popularity Poll did Count!

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Don’t miss the Summer Meeting or the next Symposium.
# STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

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*“Newsletters” costs for 2002 represent only one issue – Spring/Summer*

Prepared by Charles Bell 2/1/2003
As I sit at the computer today it’s February 21, and the weather is playing its typical tricks for this time of year. It warms up to tease us about the potential of spring and then slaps us back to reality of winter with snow or cold temperatures. Gradually though, the season WILL change and our gardens and daylilies will come out of their dormancy again. And so will we.

Greetings from Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. My name is Paul Meske and to paraphrase an old joke, “I used to not be able to spell RPD, and now I am one!” There are several major duties that an RPD performs. Writing this message is one of them, so I can check that off my list, I guess.

A more serious duty is to collect and tabulate the regional popularity poll every year. As one of AHS’s geographically and “populationally” large regions, we have the potential to have our collective voice heard with regard to the popularity poll. Part of this process is for me to badger and brow-beat you into sending me your ballot. Please consider this the first of a series of notifications to send me your ballot. Another duty is to collect news from Region 2. This includes news of the Region 2 meeting, local clubs, obituaries, newspaper articles, and local newsletters. I am also to collect articles for the Region 2 newsletter if requested by the RVP. Local clubs, please think of me when you publish your newsletters or send out notices. Having been the editor of the Wisconsin Daylily Society Newsletter for several years, I have a deep and abiding respect for any newsletter editor. Please include me in your mailing list so that the information of your local club’s activities can be archived.

The word “anticipation” describes this time of year very well. How well will our plants perform this summer? How will the seedlings look? What new plants am I getting? Where the heck am I going to plant them when they arrive? Am I nuts to do this to myself every year? As good “hemeroholics” we know that these questions will answer themselves eventually and we should not worry about little things like lack of space in the garden for the dozen new plants that will be arriving in May.

I am looking forward to the 2003 regional meeting in Illinois this summer and hope to see all my old friends and make new ones.

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Farewell Message from Past RVP

By Greg McMullen

Well, it hardly seems like time to write my final column as your 2001-2002 RVP, but that time is here.

It has been so enjoyable getting to meet, know and work with so very many of you. The camaraderie we experience in our Great Lakes Region is what makes being a part of this organization so very enjoyable. I thank those of you that offered so many words of encouragement, advice and support during the last two years. Most certainly you have enriched both my life and this organization.

I am pleased to share with the Region that AHS President Luke Senior has requested that Region Two and a Region Two local club host the Fall 2003 AHS Board meeting. I have invited the Indianapolis Daylily-Iris Society and the Hoosier Daylily Society to share in this endeavor with the Region, and both organizations have agreed to share in this responsibility.

SMHS 2002 surprised the Region with a financial donation to the Region following the National Convention. The Region had planned for quite some time that there would be no financial proceeds in 2002 from the combined meeting; traditionally our annual plant auction at the summer meeting is a major source of funding for the operating expenses of the Region. So the financial windfall was quite an unexpected boon. It is the generosity of clubs such as SMHS that keep the Region financially afloat. Please do consider leading a discussion within your local club on how you might be able to support the greater good surrounding our favorite plant.

With these parting comments, I will be soon turning over the reins of leadership to Ed Myers of Columbus, Ohio, as your 2003-2004 RVP. Please support Ed and his new officers as much as or more than you have supported me,
with your enthusiasm, your donations and most importantly, your participation in local, regional and national activities. I have every confidence that Ed and his new team will bring another two successful years to the members of this, the largest Region of AHS.

Most certainly, being RVP of such a large Region would be impossible, but for the help of the many dedicated individuals that assisted with the operation of the Region over the last two years. They have each offered assistance in so many ways beyond just the basic responsibilities of their “formal” positions. Gisela was my propulsion forward and go-getter. My friend Leslie was my voice of calm reason. Sharon was my teacher. Don and Lea Ann sparked my passion for this flower. Chuck was my follow through and responsiveness. Rich and Phyllis, my voices of experience and knowledge, Nikki, my youthful enthusiast. Curt and Juli, my faith in life and its ever expanding possibilities. Please do show your appreciation of the efforts of these officers whenever you see them at a local club meeting, a Region Two Summer Meeting or a national AHS Event.

Happy Gardening,
Greg

Note: Since the Region 2 Fall 2002/Winter 2003 Region 2 Newsletter was not published, Greg’s Farewell Message is printed in this issue.

Once Again: A Big Thank You to Lea Ann and Don Williams!

by Gisela Meckstroth

Once again—the fifth time in a row—Region 2 Ways & Means Chairs Lea Ann and Don Williams have held a tremendously successful Region 2 e-mail auction.

Because the response to the traditional winter mail-in auction had slowed down and with the income from it decreased to a trickle, Lea Ann and Don presented their idea of a change in auction fund-raising method to the regional officers at the Region 2 Symposium in Indianapolis. This was March 1999, and using the Internet to raise money for Region 2 had never been tried. Lea Ann and Don were well-prepared for pro and con arguments by the regional officers, and their convincing answers persuaded the officers to give high-tech fund-raising methods the go-ahead, provided the traditional mail-in auction would stay in place alongside the new electronic one.

What a surprise it was for those in the region, who had Internet access, to be able to make a few clicks with a computer mouse to bring up the auction page with the rich, information-laden listing of daylily cultivars. The list had been arranged in columns, with the column headings giving cultivar name, donor’s name, minimum bid required, last bid submitted, and last bidder’s name.

To see the cultivar description along with an image in full color, all the web page visitor had to do is click on the cultivar name. Don had designed the pages so well, that viewers could easily find the button saying “Click here to enter your bid.” Easy, easy, easy! And tempting! It was shopping just the way many of us Region 2 members, especially those of us in the AHS E-mail Robin, had known shopping could be on the Internet. For quite a few years many of us had appreciated the annual EUREKA, a daylily “candy store” book with its listed comparison prices. This electronic daylily auction, however, was very much like turning a daylily catalog’s pages, noting the prices, the

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- Surf the Net and learn more about daylilies?
- Visit the American Hemerocallis Society Web-Site address at: http://www.daylilies.org/daylilies.html?
- Visit our Region Two web pages and local club links at: http://www.ahsregion2.org?
- 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.)

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

See inside front cover for details.

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Greetings from Judy Heath. As the new Region 2 Youth Liaison, I am delighted to be working with the youth in Collinsville this summer. There really isn’t much to say about me. I live in Boonville, Indiana. I have two children and numerous dog-pound rejects. As a retired teacher, I have many interests, however, my favorite is growing and showing daylilies, and I am an AHS Garden and an AHS Exhibition Judge.

One of my main goals in this new adventure is to get the Youth Members involved in the Region 2 summer meetings. The youth are a very important group and the future of the daylily world.

Some of the youth activities planned during the Region 2 summer meeting are listed in the box at the bottom of this page. Now I need help from all the Youth!! What would you like to do? Any and all suggestions are needed. Please e-mail me with your ideas wekyhe@msn.com. Remember that the more the merrier. Please help get more youth to join us this year.

Since I know only two youth members (they are members of my local daylily club) I would like to introduce them to you. Hope to have all youth members featured in the newsletter soon.

McKenzie Williams McKenzie is 13 years old. She is an eighth grade honor student at St. James school in Haubstadt, Indiana. Many of you may know McKenzie, she has attended numerous Region 2 meetings, nationals, and shows. She has a brother, Evan, and is the granddaughter of Don and Lea Ann Williams. McKenzie is a member of the Southwestern Indiana Daylily Society. She is also an AHS member and a Garden Judge. McKenzie is a very busy young lady. She is a forward on the St. James basketball team. Loves to shop, show daylilies, and her favorite subject in school is science. Now that sounds like a well-rounded young woman. McKenzie has some very definite thoughts on the daylilies she likes. Favorite daylilies are DIAMONDS and PEARLS and BROOKWOOD LEE CAUSEY and she loves those big ruffles. Are you curious about her favorite hybridizer? He is Leo Sharp. We are delighted to have McKenzie in our club.

Brandon Michael Farias When you see Brandon at a meeting be sure to say “Hi.” He is a really neat guy! Brandon is 13 years old and attends Floyd Central Jr. High school. He is in the seventh grade. You would never guess he is the class clown in all of his classes at school. Very honest too, he admitted that! In fact, he has been known to keep the SWIDS members laughing with his jokes. Brandon takes Taekwondo and is a yellow belt green tip. He may even give us a demonstration at the summer meeting? Brandon attended the regional in Cincinnati and last year’s national in Michigan. He passed the first exhibition judge’s test while in Michigan. Just wait... he will be a great judge. He has won the “Best of the Youth” two times in Louisville, Kentucky and two times in Evansville, Indiana. Brandon’s favorite flower is FORESTLAKE RAGAMUFFIN. His proud grandparents are Melvin (Joe) and Mary Stone.

Hope to see you in Collinsville!

Brandon Farias participating in the Louisville, Kentucky daylily show when he was 11 years old.

Photo: Judy Heath
Minutes of the 2002 AHS Region Two Annual Business Meeting

The AHS 2002 Region 2 meeting was held July 17 at the Marriott Hotel in Troy, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Regional Vice President Gregory McMullen.

Greg announced that due to other AHS meetings and commitments this meeting must be only one half hour long.

RVP Greg thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Greg then recognized the Regional Officers in attendance with a gift daylily plant from his garden as a thank you for their service to Region 2.

Reading of the Minutes were waived since they were published in the Fall 2001/Winter 2002 Newsletter.

Reading of the Treasurer’s Report was also waived since it was published in Spring-Summer 2002 Newsletter. Treasurer Chuck Bell updated the report through May of this year. Chuck reported a very successful auction at the Symposium and also from the Web Site Mail-in; expenses are not in yet, but the total in the account as of this meeting is $44,754.

Region 2 Director Joanne Larson reported registration forms for the New Daylily Handbook are now available. This handbook, which was published originally in joint by The American Horticultural Society and The American Hemerocallis Society back in 1968, is being revised and will be available in 2003. Order forms need to be in before November of this year in order to take advantage of free shipping charges on the handbook.

Joanne reported 11,571 members in AHS as of this meeting. Also, as Archivist for Region 2, Joanne would like to receive any type newspaper clippings or magazine articles that has been printed pertaining to our heritage or current events about the daylily; she needs these for the Region 2 files.

Joanne reported good news for hybridizers: the fees for registration of hybrids has been reduced for hybridizers, one of the steps has been eliminated and will be posted on the Web page as well as appearing in the Winter Journal.

RPD Gisela Meckstroth wants to remind everyone to vote for the Region 2 Popularity Poll. There are three methods to vote: (1) Use the ballot found in The Daylily Journal and send to the tabulator (RPD) or (2) go to the Region 2 Web Site (Don & Lea Ann Williams) and vote from there, or (3) use e-mail to send to the RPD. The list has been reduced to 10 favorite daylilies. The deadline for voting is September 1st, 2002.

Editor Leslie Fischer would like articles and photos for the newsletter.

AHS Awards and Honors Liaison Nikole Schmith reported no one has been nominated for the Regional Service Awards at this time. The deadline for this nomination is September 1st, 2002.

RVP Greg has been asked by AHS to give out certificates from AHS at our Regional meeting in recognition of donations to AHS from clubs and members of Region 2 for the year 2002.

The Joe E. House Scientific Fund certificates go to:
- Greater Cincinnati Daylily and Hosta Society, Gold Donor
- AHS Region 2, Platinum Donor
- Jerry Williams, an individual Gold Donor
- Chicagoland Daylily Society, Platinum Donor
- Grand Valley Daylily Society, a Platinum Donor
- Wisconsin Daylily Society, Gold Donor
- Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society, Platinum Donor
- Daylily Society of Southeast Wisconsin, Gold Donor

Exhibition Judges Liaison Rich Ford reported trouble last year in Senior Judges not paying their AHS dues before January 1st.

RVP Greg thanked Ways and Means Chairpersons Don and Lea Ann Williams for a job well done.

Region 2 Webmaster Don Williams asked for information to update changes in club Officers, club activities or anything needed to be placed on the Web site (http://www.ahsregion2.org)

Region 2 Awards and Honors:

- The Hite Award was given posthumously to Walter Jablonski, who hybridized STELLA D’ORO, MINI PEARL and many others.
- Greg announced that the first ever Region 2 Newsletter Award was given to Marcia Razor, 2001 Editor of the Southwestern Indiana Daylily Society.

Nominating Committee for RVP 2003-2004 report. Chairman Rick Adams was not present and did not file a report, but RVP Greg had talked to Rick a few days before this meeting and was told Ed Myers had sufficient votes to become RVP 2003-2004.

RVP Greg then declared the election of Ed Myers as RVP for 2003-2004 official. Greg announced the pending bylaws modification will be discussed at the 2003 Symposium as scheduled.

Leslie Fischer made a motion that Region 2 donate $1,000 to the Joe E. House Scientific Fund, seconded by Don Williams. Motion passed.

Announcements:

- Region 2 Symposium to be held in Cleveland in 2003, Curt Hanson, Chairman.
- Southwestern Illinois Hemerocallis Society and Madison County Daylily Society will co-host the 2003 Regional meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 5 p.m.

Respectively submitted by
Virginia Myers, Secretary Pro Tem
Hite of Perfection

By Nikki Schmith
With contributions by Judy Davisson, Sharon Fitzpatrick, The Oakland Press, and his daughter, Gloria Hite.

In 1968, Howard Hite registered his first three cultivars. MACHU PICCHU, SING TOY ALLAH, and ANGELUS BELLS. Thirty-five years and 125 cultivars later, the contributions to the daylily community made by Howard and his family is almost indescribable. Whether it was sharing a “Cherry Bounce” beverage under the shade trees at his home during the 1985 convention or seeing Howard with the pollen-filled stamens in his mouth as he puttered around the garden, we all have memories of this hybridizer, father, husband, grandfather of 7 grandchildren, great-grandfather of 13 great-grandchildren, entrepreneur, and friend.

Howard died of congestive heart failure on January 21 in Treasure Island, Florida while wintering with his daughter, Gloria, also a daylily hybridizer. A week before his passing, just before his 99th birthday celebration, he submitted what is his last registration, CHRISTINE WALSER HITE (Hite, H. 2003), named after his mother.

Throughout his life-long work with daylilies, Howard had two goals: to grow a blue daylily and to live to be 100 years old.

“I’d like to see his dream of a blue daylily turn up one of these days,” said Gloria Hite. “He was my father, he was my friend, and he was my rock that was always there.”

Gloria plans to stay involved in her father’s work, and to maintain the nearly complete collection of his introductions she has amassed.

“Every morning, I go out in the garden and look and see what is blooming,” Howard Hite said in an August 2002 interview with The Oakland Press. His daughter pushed him in his wheelchair through the garden each day to see the new varieties. He pointed out and recommended crosses for Gloria each day, keeping her on her toes during the morning walks.

During the 2001 Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society’s exhibition show, where one of his seedlings earned the AHS Rosette, Howard was evaluating all of the seedlings and recommending names for them. Most of

Howard’s introductions are named after exotic geographic locations, for example, INDONESIA, CORSICA, and DELHI. Howard also chose the prefixes ANGELUS and SYLVAN LAKE for some of his introductions, and he named many of them after family members.
Sharon Fitzpatrick of central Ohio remarked to the AHS Daylily E-mail Robin about some of her favorite Hite cultivars. She wrote:

- **ANGELUS BLUE SKIES** – Closest thing I have ever seen to a blue daylily. Flower is the color of a hosta bloom.
- **LUMINA** – Flower is a huge yellow tetraploid. Scape resembles a daylily tree.
- **GLORIA HITE BEST** – Howard was ahead of the hybridizing game with purple-edged white. GHB is in the gene pool of Richard Norris’s FLIGHT OF THE RAVEN
- **AABAA** – Tall well-branched red tetraploid that laughs at the sun.
- **ANGELUS SPANGLES** – One of the best-eyed Spider Variant flowers in my garden.

Very few people know the fun-loving side of Howard Hite. He loved to sing and was once spotted at a club picnic at his Lake Angelus home, sitting alone in a lawn chair behind his garage singing away. Truth be told, he was hiding from folks that wanted him to sell a few daylilies long after his “selling hour” had passed and, as he explained, he was “busy” enjoying a little “Cherry Bounce.”

Now what is “Cherry Bounce”? Well, it looks like punch and is a concoction brewed from real cherries harvested from the Hite cherry tree. It includes a whole lot of vodka, and a secret ingredient gathered from annual sojourns to Florida for the winter. Legend has it that the brew got its name because it had the ability to make people who ate the cherries on the bottom of the glass bounce off the walls of the garage where it was traditionally served during summer parties. Some AHS members will remember Bus 4 pulling up to the Hite residence during a Region 2 summer meeting. It was very late in the day, and a pelting rain had obviously spoiled the garden tour...yet someone boarded the bus and explained that “Cherry Bounce” would still be served in the garage. About half the people on the bus quickly dashed through the downpour, making a beeline to the garage, leaving the remaining half on the bus looking very puzzled. I’ve heard that Gloria Hite is safeguarding this secret family recipe and will be continuing the Hite tradition including the singing of a few tunes!

At the last SMHS general membership meeting Howard attended, we were raffling off door prizes at the end of the meeting. Members had signed their name next to a number on a piece of paper upon arrival at the meeting for this purpose. As the president, I was handing out the door prizes and needed someone to pick a number for the winner. Howard was sitting near the front of the crowd, 98 years strong, the only life member in the audience on that occasion.

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particular night; so, I asked him to pick the winning number for me. Number “27!” Howard shouted. I looked at the paper to see who had won the door prize. Twenty-seven was Howard’s number. He had picked his own number. Yes, he had picked his OWN number! He sure stumped me! I didn’t think Howard would remember what number Gloria signed him up next to, let alone did I think he would choose his own when asked. Boy he made a fool out of me. Taught me a thing or two about a 98 year old that night.

Howard was not only a pioneer in the daylily world. The Detroit-based photography company he started and maintained for 60 years grew to include branches throughout the metropolitan area. It was the first in the state to offer overnight photo developing. He retired in 1987, and that gave him more time for the daylily hobby for which he was known as an expert around our country.

In the words of a fellow Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society member, “…we have lost another lion…”

The loss of legacy, any legacy, affects each one of us in a different way. For me, I will look at the Hite cultivars in that night.

If you thought that this job was not big enough, you are right. Lea Ann had again, already, reminded and asked Region 2 members to donate auction plants for the symposium in Cleveland. She made the cards containing the cultivar descriptions, and she and Don kept track of the auction records. It takes so much money to break even and to raise funds for the Region 2 activities, that one fund raiser seems to follow the next one.

None of us can really know just how much effort and time both of them have spent working for our region during these last years, and they have done it all without a penny of compensation. They have done it for the love of daylilies and for us Region 2 members. ☺

So, once again, a big Thank-You Lea Ann and Don!

Once Again: A Big Thank You to Lea Ann and Don Williams! (continued from page 7)

description, the color, followed by filling out the purchase order. Needless to say, each time the Region 2 E-mail Auction was held, almost all daylilies listed on the electronic auction pages sold out during the few days the auction was active. After a year or so, it was clear that the traditional mail-in auction proceeds had dried up, and the decision was made to discontinue it.

The work Don has put into the designing and maintaining of the Region 2 web site has been exemplary. Lea Ann has worked tirelessly to solicit plant donations, to find the right images so the successful bidders would not be disappointed by off-color later on, to complete all the record-keeping tasks, and to make sure that the plants were delivered and the money collected.

Region 2: Join us in Omaha on October 3-4 for a fabulous program!

Special guests: Mark Carpenter—Daylilies of Jack Carpenter’s Lily Farm; Harlan Hamernick (Bluebird Nursery)—Companion Plants; gary Schaben & John Becker’s Hybridizing Program; gary Schaben & Don Lovell—Conversions to Tetraploids; & Kyle Billadeau—Photography. Slide shows of Pop Poll Winners & Region One Gardens. Musical entertainment by the Unusual Forms. Auction.

Location: Days Inn Bellevue • 1811 Hillcrest Dr. (Hwy 370 and Hillcrest) • Bellevue, Nebraska
Registration: $65.00 by September 20, 2003; $75.00 to September 29; Youth (17 & under) $40.00
Information: David Hansen, 2507 Franklin St., Bellevue, NE 68005-5408 <dhansen@radiks.net>

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Hosted by the Cedar Valley Iris and Daylily Society (CVIDS), Fort Madison, Iowa—July 11-12

Location: Best Value Inn • (800) 423-2693 or (319) 372-7510 • Hwy 61 West • Fort Madison, Iowa 52627
Registration: $65.00 postmarked by June 24. $75 postmarked after June 24.
Youth: (17 and under) $45 by June 24; $55 after June 24.
Mail to: Ken Messer • 2300 Mississippi River Road, Keokuk, IA 52632. Specify rib eye or chicken; checks payable to CVIDS.
Questions? Contact Ken Messer at (319) 524-1976 or (319) 795-0421; or e-mail <kmesfam@mchsi.com>
Guest Speaker: Ted Petit • Terrific daylilies & eye-popping seedlings! • Water Features • Garden Judges Workshop 2

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Walter Jablonski has been working with daylilies for fifty years. An hour’s conversation with him brought me a wealth of information and opinion on every hemerocallis subject from tetraploid conversion to wintering evergreens in the North.

I drove to Merrillville, Indiana, on a sunny spring afternoon—May 18, 1982—to talk about daylilies with Walter. His home, Breezy Hill Gardens, is not easy to find. One turns off U.S. 30 west of Merrillville on Burr Street. After travelling north for several hundred yards, there is a lane marked with fading house numbers which leads to his house.

The lilacs were at their height. Of course, daylily blooms were several months in the future. Walter lives in a house which he built himself, using a lot of glass and field stone. It is part of a 200 acre farm where he has lived since 1932. It is on a hill with attractive landscaping all around.

It took some time to locate Walter, but I found him in a shed packing plants for shipment. I noticed a box going to Van Sellers, and Walter was pleased to have shipped three hundred divisions of his STELLA DE ORO to Gilbert H. Wild and Son.

Walter is a delightful person to interview. Neither a camera nor tape recorder inhibits his flow of conversation. The shed where we met leads into a greenhouse where Walter was anxious to show me some daylilies in the process of conversion as well as some chickens he was raising.

The conversion process was worth seeing since he was using a new method. According to Walter, “Anybody now can do it with this method.” With a new combination of chemicals, Walter claims to have 99 percent success.

Walter believes, first, that the plant should be cut at the crown, leaving a little less than half of the leaves on one side. “I think the plant should have something to live on. If you cut all the leaves, the plant has no chance for life.”

The chemical process was given to Walter by Dr. Darrel A. Apps of Pennsylvania. It combines kinetin and DMSO—the chemicals of tissue culture—with colchicine, the chemical which induces conversion. Although Walter claims to be no chemist, he appeared to have mastered the process. “DMSO opens up the pores, and the kinetin stimulates the plant.” The plants I saw had been treated six days earlier, and they showed signs of growth. Walter claimed they would

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have looked dead if they had been treated by the old method. Of course, a second treatment would set them back. Nevertheless, Walter’s experience with the method led him to expect eight to ten inches of growth after six or seven weeks instead of the usual few inches. With the high success rate and less critical margins of error, “It will give the novice a chance to work with them,” he said.

With Walter’s dog, Mandy, following us, we walked outside to sit in lawn chairs and to get down to the 

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business of an interview. I was surprised that Walter had been working with daylilies for so long. “I got started really in about 1929. And then in 1932 I bought two collections, one from a nursery in Connecticut where Dr. Stout released his plants. I was milking 87 head of cattle, we farmed around six or seven hundred acres, and I was still monkeying with daylilies.”

Did you hybridize daylilies from the very start?

“Yes, a little bit. The pods developed, and I just planted them. From then on I was more selective, but I didn’t introduce any until about eight or ten years ago. I was just too busy. As I say, we were farming. On top of that we had a restaurant.”

What is the first one you introduced?

“BRIGHT MEMORIES. That’s a nice daylily. The other one that wasn’t as popular, but I believe it was a better lily, was PINK HOSTESS. It’s rather pink, and it was, for that time, unusually wide petaled. Green Throat.”

Walter’s best known introduction is STELLA DE ORO. In Merrillville, it begins to bloom at the end of May and continues until frost. I was not surprised that he had several comments to make about it. Walter wanted to breed miniatures on short scapes.

“I can’t stomach those tall minis. I go for the plant because I think that a miniature on a large plant is just out of proportion. It’s the wrong place for a little flower.”

How did you get the short mini to begin with?

“Of course I had BITSY. STELLA DE ORO goes back to BITSY. BITSY, SNOOPY, and another one or two.” STELLA DE ORO is about four generations from BITSY, he said. Walter admitted that he didn’t pay much attention to STELLA DE ORO the first year. “I thought it just rebloomed late. Then the next year after that I watched it, and there it was — all summer.”

On STELLA DE ORO as a parent: “It’s hard to get any difference.”

After treating 42 plants, he managed to get a tetraploid STELLA DE ORO. It’s a little bit taller and a little bit larger— but it shows all the tetraploid points. It’s stout, and it has a deeper color.”

Walter is excited about SUPER STELLA, his 1982 introduction out of STELLA DE ORO. Whereas STELLA DE ORO has gaps between periods of rebloom, Walter claims that SUPER STELLA does not. “This one never quits until it freezes. It’s a smaller flower. It has about twice as many buds, and it has a
corduroyed and ruffled flower.” He says that the scapes are as short or shorter than STELLA DE ORO.

At one point the conversation turned to blue daylilies. “Dr. Kasha got two seedlings from me. He said they were the best he saw to work with blues. I have one now that I’ve introduced as BLUE PURPLE. It’s quite blue. Of course, it has that reflection of purple in it. It has a very green throat. It’s very large—about a seven-inch flower. It’s on the Olivier Monette line. I don’t have any to sell anymore. I sold I guess six. I have to keep one; I converted one.” BLUE PURPLE was introduced this spring.

I have read that a beginner in hybridizing is supposed to have a goal or plan of some sort. Have you worked that way?

After a long laugh: ‘you cannot because it won’t work.”

What do you do now?

“I’ll tell you. I know the background of most of my things. I do make a few planned crosses in the beginning if I get something real nice, and later on I just go for looks. Of course, I think you should keep close records and all of that. It’s all right, but there’s just about as much work keeping the records as there is to hybridizing lilies, or more. And I’ll tell you, after three or four generations you don’t have what you say anymore because things have changed. It’s diluted. They’ll say, ‘Well, this comes from so-and-so,’ but it will never throw a flower like that because there are so many recessive traits.”

“You know, I think the diploids are easier to work with. The tetraploids are more unpredictable. The seed is not much good here. We get so much soft seed. You touch it and it squirts.”

“I never make any cross unless one of them is a rebloom. I’m trying to wipe out this one-time bloom.”

“We get the most quality from the evergreens. Dr. Peck is, I believe, the only person who has superceded the evergreens with her dormants. Hers are all dormants.”

Talk about hybridizing cannot go on long these days without mentioning DANCE BALLERINA DANCE. “You can throw all your others away. Oh my gosh. You can get down on your knees and you can’t buy one. The minute it was on the cover, I wrote for it, but Dr. Peck turned me down. I thought to myself, ‘Well, I don’t need it.’ But I do.”

Walter says he has introduced 25 to 30 daylilies. “Some of them people will forget about. They’ll sidetrack. I don’t know why—good ones.”

What would you consider some of your overlooked ones?

“Well, my GREEN RIVER, and that’s beautiful. That’s ruffled, greenish, and it throws beautiful flowers. Then comes TEXAS CHOICE, and after that is PARADE QUEEN, and there are others.”

We talked of some of Walter’s introductions for 1982. “I have a little one coming out now I call GOLDEN CORDUROY. It’s absolutely like corduroy material. There isn’t a speck of plain smooth petal on it— and ruffled. And that all traces back to JAKARTA. All my yellows go back to JAKARTA. That’s still good. All in all, JAKARTA I believe did more for the yellows than anything. Look, all of Whatley and Harris—that’s all JAKARTA based, every bit of it. And they’re doing nice work.”

“Do you know HOMEWARD BOUND? I introduced one out of HOMEWARD BOUND this year. PINK SUNSHINE. It’s a pink, and it has a green throat, and then it has a kind of a...just like the sunshine shining on it. Kind of a gold overlay, but not. You can see it away from the flower.” Walter described a similar seedling. “To look at it, it looks kind of pearly pink. You step way over there, and it has like a light in it. It glows. From a distance it will glow.”

When the 1981 national convention visited Walter’s garden, he gave each visitor a tag to hang on the plant the visitor liked best. A miniature seedling received 94
tags. After almost losing it, Walter has revived it and plans to introduce it with the name MINNIE PEARL. The two-and-a-half-inch pearl colored blossoms with wavy petals line a branched scape.

We talked about wintering evergreen daylilies in the North. “First of all I plant my evergreens at least three inches deep regardless of what the rules say. And then for the winter I heel them up like you would potatoes. And then I’ll put trash on them.” This he then follows with three layers of old-fashioned carpet pad. “They’ll winter just like nothing.”

I stated that I do nothing to my evergreens, and they come through fine. Walter: “Some of them do, but you lose some good ones. I lost MARTHA ADAMS by forgetting to cover it up. And I paid $75.00 for that one.” I replied that since I don’t pay $75.00 for a plant, maybe I don’t worry about them as much. Walter: “Well, I’ll tell you, I don’t have money to throw away. I only use the money that I get from daylilies. I was raised and grew up in an age when people were pasting nickels together to make a quarter.”

This led to a discussion of his background. Walter was born in Poland and came to this country at the age of four. He is the oldest of seven children. When the youngest child was six weeks old, Walter’s father became sick. “I brought the whole bunch up, and everyone wanted to go to school. My brother taught at Pittsburgh University for 37 years. My sister taught for 42 years in the East Chicago and Hammond district.” He spoke of a brother’s successful career with Montgomery Ward.

We walked through the seedlings, and I asked him how many he was going to have blooming this year. “Oh, not so many. I’ve already cut down a little. I would say about six or seven thousand. I always planted at least ten, twelve, of fifteen thousand sometimes. Out of that I introduce three or four. I’ll tell you: You can fault anybody — any human being. You can fault any cow or a horse. And the daylilies are especially vulnerable.”

With the exception of a few flats of seeds, Walter plants his seeds in the ground in the fall. He had a lush crop of them coming up looking about ready to be lined out. I commented on the difficulty I had experienced trying to look at his vast number of seedlings in the past. “Half of my job is looking,” he said.

We had talked quite a while. I left with a big bunch of lilacs and careful instructions on how to make them last long in water.

“A Big Thank-You to Phillip Brockington

Phillip Brockington’s interview of Walter Jablonski appeared in the 1982 Spring Region Two Newsletter and was reprinted in this issue with the author’s permission.

Phillip Brockington was the 1982 Region 2 Vice-president. He had saved the original negative film of the black and white photos all these years and had them reprinted for the editor to use in this newsletter. Phil also donated a copy of the original newsletter for the Region 2 Editor’s “box” to begin a new collection of old newsletter copies that were lost and that can be used as a reference by the Region 2 editors.

This editor tried to scan the black-white photos as closely as the 1982 Region 2 publicity director and editor, Leo Sharp, did; however, a larger size typeface was used for this text, and that made the document a little longer.
QUEEN OF ANGELS (DIVINE COMEDY x FERENGI GOLD), a Steve Moldovan 2005-scheduled registration, brought $700.00 at the Region 2 Symposium auction held in Cleveland, Ohio. After heated bidding, Paul Limmer of Northport, New York, was the successful bidder of this pink daylily that shows off a very ruffled gold edge and sculptured petals. David Kirchhoff, one of the auctioneers, outbid all others in his quest for an exquisite, nature-inspired ceramic sculpture created by Scott Bennett. The price? A mere $375! Our annual symposium has come a long way from its beginning in 1993.

Friday evening’s activities began with Curt Hanson’s slide show, described in the following pages by Jill and Rick Yost of Pataskala, Ohio. And, who of those in the audience will ever forget Bobbie Brooks’ wordless slide show called “Orchestrating with Daylilies” and “Orchestrating a Garden,” set to music with Handel’s Water Music and Beethoven’s Symphony #5 and Vivaldi’s Four Seasons. Opening ceremonies began with welcomes from newly elected Region 2 Vice-president Ed Myers, our Region 2 Director Joanne Larson, our American Hemerocallis Society President Luke Senior, Jr., and the symposium organizer himself, Curt Hanson. Senior hybridizers of Region Two, Dr. Charles Branch and Steve Moldovan, received framed certificates for hybridizing excellence at the 2003 Symposium.

As Pat Bennett reported these events to the AHS E-mail Robins shortly after stepping off her plane and getting back to her home in Fairfax Station, VA, Sunday evening: “Of
course, the stand-out event was an impromptu dance by Scotty Innes (TN) and Mary Milanowski (MI) to the music of a group that apparently many of the attendees of a previous daylily gathering were able to enjoy. Bobbie Brooks said that if she weren’t still disabled by her injured leg, she’d have joined them and started a conga line around the room. We daylily people sure do have fun when we get together!!”

Lee Alden had a more enjoyable drive home to Michigan, and he told AHS E-mail Robins why that was: “On our journey back home we crossed northern Ohio on 303 and highway 20 singing, *A-weed-away, a-weed-away, a-weed-away, Hush my darlings, don’t fear my darlings... In the garden, the peaceful garden the slugs a-sleep tonight...* This could have caused a moment of terror in River City considering the quality of my voice, but my wife Bette had suffered a flash of satori in which she saw me out in the garden at night armed with flashlight and ammonia spray softly yodeling such a lullaby to quiet the fears of our daylilies. *A weed-away, a-weed-away...* Later we exchanged *deer* for *slugs* and just kept singing, obviously drawing our inspiration from the wonderful *Unusual Forms*, a group of musicians from Region One who serenaded us with gardening songs set to all-too-familiar tunes. Kathy and Mike Lamb and Amanda Engstrom were amazing! We all were treated to a wonderful lively sing-a-long. Gary Schaben is to be commended for the grand Bob-Dylan-esque (an aging fellow from Babbitt, Minnesota) performance he put on with flying cue cards!”

**The Unusual Forms**

*Mike Lamb, Kathy Lamb, and Amanda Engstrom assisted by cue-card holder “gary” Schaben.*

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**Region One presents The Unusual Forms**

**Crazy**

(“Crazy” by Willie Nelson with new lyrics by Kyle Billadeau, Mike and Kathy Lamb)

Crazy, crazy to think you’d be hardy,
I’m crazy, crazy for ordering you.
I knew that photo of you would seduce me,
And then next spring
I’d only have memories of you.

Purchase, why do I let myself purchase
Intros, though I have lost quite a few?

Crazy, for thinkin’ that mulching would save you.
I’m crazy for tryin’. crazy for buyin’,
and I’m crazy for wanting you.

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Notes:
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The group intends to record and release the selection of songs on a CD in the near future.
This Hem is Your Hem
by Woody Guthrie.

These new lyrics were created by Mary Baker, Kyle Billadeau, Amanda Engstrom, and Mike and Kathy Lamb.
(Based on Woody Guthrie’s ‘This Land is Your Land’)

Refrain: (Kathy–melody; Amanda–harmony)

This hem is your hem, this hem is my hem,
From popcorn doubles, to spiders and variants,
From shark-toothed edges, to patterned eyes,
This hem was made for you and me.

Verse 1: (Amanda solo)

MATT and I were walking that ribbon of skyway
REMEMBERING JOAN on a SPIRITUAL CORRIDOR,
I saw below me a PAPER BUTTERFLY,
This hem was made for you and me.

Verse 2: (Kathy–melody; Amanda–harmony)

We’re ALL FIRED UP now by CUSTARD CANDY
With BARBARA MITCHELL’S
Big PRAIRIE BLUE EYES.
And all around us BILL NORRIS is bloomin’.
This hem was made for you and me.

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David Kirchhoff’s
You know when you’re addicted contribution to the AHS E-mail Robin on December 20, 2002:

“When strangers stop to attend the ‘prayer meeting’ in your garden. The appearance of folks walking the garden with heads bowed has them thinking you’re having prayer, when actually you’re straining to read the labels!”

David Kirchhoff (Florida) with Lea Ann and Don Williams, Region Two Ways and Means Chairs (Indiana) after a successful daylily auction at the 2003 Region Two Symposium in Cleveland, Ohio.

Photo: Gisela Meckstroth

Graphic by Ann Kindler, Ohio
A Presentation by “gary” Schaben: Northern Expressions

Reported by John Sheehan, Madison, Wisconsin

“gary” Schaben (note: gary prefers to write his first name with a lowercase letter “g.”) has been hybridizing daylilies for about 11 years in Monticello, Minnesota. His garden, Gardens with a Northern Exposure, is located on the 45th parallel. Other garden spots of the world with that same latitude are Caribou, Maine, Odessa, Russia, and Bozeman, Montana. Brr!

However, make no mistake about it—Gary has managed to develop a very fine daylily hybridizing program by recognizing and then exploiting what advantages the “Master Hybridizer” has given to the northern hybridizer.

Gary reported that he has had trouble getting the popular scrambled egg edges to be expressed in his Minnesota-bred plants. The constant, warm, humid weather seen in the Deep South is not to be seen (or felt) on the 45th parallel. Instead, warm summer days and cooler nights are the norm for Monticello. That is OK, though, for this micro climate produces wonderfully bright, rich colors in Gary’s daylilies. Schaben registrations, such as MOON DOG, GRAMMAR SCHOOL BULLY, NORTH WIND DANCER, SWEET SAMMIE, and HARLOW, all show the clear, rich, intense, coloration indicative of northern grown plants.

Gary has focused much of his recent hybridizing efforts on developing complex, sometimes subtle, eye patterns in his flowers. His 2002 introduction, SURFING ON THE STYX has a smoky, sultry, dark eye broken up with a white pattern against the dark, rose red petal. The spectacular pattern seen on the Becker/Schaben 2003 introduction, TIE DYED MOON, is becoming the corner stone of Gary’s patterned eye breeding program. As shown during his talk, Gary’s seedlings from parents such as SURFING ON THE STYX, APOSTLE OF HOPE, ANGEL’S SMILE, SOMETHING WONDERFUL, and KING BOREAS are also providing him with a rich supply of breeding material to develop his patterned eyes.

Gary described the “scape injection” method that he uses to convert diploid plants to tetraploids. He places the hub of a 28 gauge syringe needle into the scape of a diploid daylily just below the young flower bud that he wishes to target. He then fills the hub with a colchicine solution which migrates up the scape, into the developing bud, and causes the conversion of some of the pollen to the tetraploid form. This process does not result in an entire tetraploid plant but does provide Gary with tetraploid pollen to use for crosses. The method is relatively quick and does not threaten the whole plant being treated.

Gary’s philosophy is that we are all artists—even if we have never picked up a brush or carved out a figure with a chisel or knife. He loves to walk though gardens all over the country to see just how each gardener’s artistic sense has been expressed. Often a stately arbor entry says, “Please come in —there is no closed door to my garden.” Sometimes there are creatures such as fairies and elves scattered among the beds to create an air of whimsy or mystery. A bench might be located in a quiet corner to give a visitor a bit of a shady respite while still allowing one to see flowers from afar. Or, that same bench could be placed at the confluence of several beds to create an overwhelming sense of color. A few gracefully fluttering spider daylilies could be situated on the side of a hill where gentle breezes can make them almost seem to beckon to us. Clumps of plants with contrasting colors or forms located within a single bed can serve to exaggerate their unique beauty. A bed of flowering seedling plants can give us significant insights on the gardener’s sense of artistry. Are the plants tall—with the blossoms looking imperiously down at us OR are they on 16 inch scapes whispering, “Hey, check me out!”? Are the flowers monochromatic with perfectly formed edges or wildly busy with eyezone patterns, multiple edges and snaggly teeth (and perhaps a twisted sepal)?

All of the expressions described above are created or arranged by the gardener for the warm, summer, months. Gary told us that in the winter there is artistic expression too—by the Master Hybridizer. A heavy blanket of snow can create wonderfully contrasting patterns broken up by rows of plant labels. Heavily burdened trees can seem to be bowing to one another after a fresh snowfall. On a sunny
morning following an ice storm, one’s yard can be transformed into a dreamland of ice coated bushes and trees. As the day warms up, the coating of ice breaks off piece by piece and they hit the ground almost exploding into small fragments, which skid along the frozen snow cover. When relieved of their ice burdens, the branches slowly lift back up toward the sky.

Finally, Gary let us in on a secret that he has followed for years. He believes in involving youth in his garden. Several goals are accomplished by this. The young people with their enthusiasm and high energy level keep Gary young. Their upbeat attitude and antics keep a smile on his face. They are learning Gary’s love for raising daylilies. The kids are good weeders (they are closer to the ground!) AND help Gary to save his knees.

Every winter day Gary makes the transition from winter to summer when he makes the walk to his greenhouse. This trip can be a virtual assault of visual and auditory contrasts. He steps out of his back door with his parka zipped up tight, his hood covers his head and his hands are warm in his gloves. As he closes the door, an icicle comes crashing down. He instinctively ducks. Everything is quiet. The snow crunches under his boots as Gary walks. The sun is so bright he has to squint. As he heads down the path, walking is easy; it only snowed a foot last night. A bright, red cardinal hops about the bird feeder hoping that Rita remembered to fill up the hopper. She did! Gary approaches the green house door and sees the shovel handle poking out of the snowdrift blocking the door. Oh, to be 20 again. After shoveling for several minutes, the door can be opened with some effort. Gary enters and quickly closes the door. AAH—Mecca—with a Northern Exposure. ££
Katherine Whitten’s OSU Rust Research Update: Where do we go from here?

Reported by John Sheehan, Madison, Wisconsin.

Katherine Whitten, graduate student in Plant Pathology at The Ohio State University, gave us an update on the daylily rust (Puccinia hemerocallidis) research being carried out in Dr. Steve Nameth’s laboratory at the Ohio State University (OSU) in Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Whitten reviewed the experimental results from 2001-2002 and compared them with results from this year. She also discussed two other daylily rust research projects being carried out in the Department of Plant Pathology.

At the Region 2 Symposium in 2002, Dr. Nameth presented preliminary data suggesting that the urediospore stage of daylily rust may not overwinter in the northern regions of the U.S. In November of 2001 researchers in Dr. Nameth’s laboratory exposed a series of rust-infected daylily leaf fragments to outside ambient air conditions (in Columbus, Ohio). At bi-weekly intervals samples were taken back to the lab to be tested for the ability of the urediospores to germinate in an artificial medium OR to infect healthy daylily leaves.

Analysis of samples from 13-Nov-2001 through 8-Mar-2002 showed that these urediospores were unable to infect healthy daylily leaves under normal laboratory conditions. Control urediospores, maintained at ambient indoor laboratory temperatures throughout the experiment, never lost their ability to either germinate in artificial medium or to infect healthy daylily leaves.

These results suggested that northern gardeners with daylily rust infestations could kill off the rust (with the help of Mother Nature providing freezing temperatures during the winter). This report was wonderful news to daylily growers in Zones 6 and lower.

Dr. Nameth suggested that northern gardeners should be sure to remove all dead/dying daylily foliage when the gardens were being “put to bed” for the winter. This step would minimize any daylily spores present in the infected garden as well as remove a potentially insulating microenvironment which might keep the infected leaves above the freezing point.

Ms. Whitten prefaced her remarks at the 2003 Symposium by saying that this present winter (2002-2003) had been much colder than the previous winter (2001-2002). The average low winter temperature in Columbus, Ohio, last year was 29 degrees Fahrenheit. The average low winter temperature this winter has been 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

A similar experimental protocol was set up this winter. The analysis of infected daylily leaves exposed to the outside air showed that the urediospores exposed to the cold lost both the ability to germinate in artificial medium and to infect healthy daylily leaves.

These results taken in conjunction with the results reported in 2002 may suggest that in regions of the U.S. where the average low winter temperature falls to 29 degrees Fahrenheit (or lower), the rust urediospores will be killed by the cold.

Revision Note from Katherine Whitten: “We do not know the exact temperature at which the urediospores are inactivated. I will be working on this next winter. It could be that the average low means nothing and that it is just a certain low temperature that the spores need to be exposed to for a short period of time.”

TRANSLATED INTO SIMPLE ENGLISH: If you have a garden infected with daylily rust in the fall and your average low winter temperature is at least 29 degrees (or lower), the rust may be killed off by the time spring arrives.

Ms. Whitten also reported that the Nameth Laboratory is actively working on two additional daylily rust projects to answer the following two questions:

Are there some daylily introductions that are more resistant to infection by urediospores?

For the past year the Plant Pathology Department at OSU has been collecting daylilies from AHS members. The...
If you have a garden infected with daylily rust in the fall and your average low winter temperature is at least 29 degrees (or lower), the rust may be killed off by the time spring arrives.

Thank you, Scotty, for sharing your experience with Daylily Passion.

Scotty Innes from Region 10: WHY SUCH PASSION?

by Jacki and John Kropf, from Ada, Michigan.

Scotty speaks of following her passion (for daylilies, of course) and concludes that it is a multi-faceted journey. There is beauty, variety of type and detail of bloom—the ever remarkable achievements of our hybridizers all contributing to our becoming collectors. And this collecting becomes a life changing story in itself. Scotty struggles to keep her collection at 600 cultivars while reality hits somewhere around 700. How we spend our time and money are altered forever: We get rid of lawns, clean and cook less, and we associate with other “collectors.” It is this association that blesses us the most. Scotty quotes past president of AHS, Kay Day, saying, “We come for the flower but we stay for the people.” She shared memories in slide form of many dear daylily friends, Steve Moldovan and Curt Hanson from Region 2 among them.

A large part of the passion includes the dreams and hopes of hybridizing, an aspect that has the most potential to impact and change lives. She credits her father, Denver Scott, now age 88, for her interest in daylilies, and the two walk seedling beds together, sharing the excitement and surprise. There was a time when three generations were at work together, since her son Scott was inspired by his mother and his grandfather. The slides of her own property and garden reflect her passion for beauty and color. We were able to see her many lovely seedlings in her greenhouse, and we saw a slide of Scotty “doing her seedling dance.” We could look ahead with Scotty, following her rare and wonderful passion—a challenging, sometimes unexpected, exciting journey, but one never to be regretted.

Thank you, Scotty, for sharing your experience with Daylily Passion.

OSU Graduate Student and Plant Pathologist Katherine Whitten talking to Symposium Registrar Juli Hyatt and other interested listeners. Photo: Gisela Meckstroth.
Lady Bug’s Dan Hansen: Responsible Rust Management

Written by Joann Stewart and Paul Limmer

In early March, just before the Cleveland Mid Winter Symposium, Dan Hansen interviewed the larger Central Florida growers and collected empirical data on rust management and control in their gardens. All were in agreement that although ‘daylily traders’ and illegal plant shippers were unlikely to be controlled, the first obligation of the big producers is to stop the movement of rust from their gardens.

Growers recognize that if one grower ships even one affected plant, it hurts every other grower, so the unwritten policy is: **Symptomatic plants are not shipped!**

Some observations on rust were:

- Different cultivars can show signs of rust at different times of the year, which adds to the complexity of finding rust tolerant daylilies. Breeding for ‘rust control’ isn’t realistic, as although several lists of ‘rust prone’ and ‘rust tolerant’ plants have been published, there is little agreement between lists.

- Ideal conditions for rust development include a combination of water (> 5 hours wetted leaf) and heat (night time temperatures >60F). No top end temperature has been seen in Florida, as temperatures rarely exceed 95F, but overall, rust thrives in hot, humid conditions.

- It is thought that rust infections are slow to start and do not explode overnight, but optimum environmental conditions and aided spore transportation increase the rate of spread.

- Many gardeners don’t watch their foliage very closely and mistakes are sometimes made in identifying rust or rust is overlooked until infestation is rampant.

- Two years experience has shown that plants do not die from rust, and chemical treatments are quickly successful, making it unnecessary to cull/destroy infected plants. Since even partial cutting is thought to aid the spread of the disease, cutting is not always recommended, especially in the south. Only if necessary to obtain clearance to sell plants after an inspection has shown rust present, or cutting to thin foliage so chemical coverage is improved should cutting be done.

If you want certain rust control, you must spray, and you should closely match the sprayer and the farm/garden:

- <1.4 acre - 4 gallon backpack, hand pump/$80
- >1/4 acre to one acre - 20 gallon power pump, 100 ft hose / $500
- 1 to 5 acres - 200 gallon power pump, 200 ft hose / $1500 to $3000

Most spray with pressure >150 pound per square inch. Individual preferences might be a stream spray to turn foliage, or a mist, but all should aim for greater than 80% spray coverage to the point of drip. During the growing season in the south, the spray interval is between one and two weeks. The preferred spraying techniques and equipment are a legacy of rust treatment experience and hard-won, as daylily spraying was virtually unknown just two years ago.

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Most spray techniques mix systemics and contacts, and use a surfactant (spreader/sticker). If using Daconil, a surfactant might not be needed.

If using anything else in the mix (fertilizer, pesticides, miticides, antiseptics), read the instructions and test on a few plants weeks before overall spraying because mixing can change or cause chemical reactions.
Costs of chemical control:
None of the aforementioned chemicals are cheap in either cost or labor. Depending on the size of garden or farm, each spraying might require upwards of six hours from preparation to cleanup, and about $50 per acre.

The best way to keep rust out of your garden is to visually inspect plants on arrival, and if asymptomatic, plant and allow to grow six inches, usually taking less than a month. Then cut the new growth by six inches, which effectively removes all foliage which came into your garden. Since embedded spores can stay ‘dormant’ in foliage for over three months, this should eradicate any ‘imported’ rust spores.

If plants do show signs of rust on receipt, SEND THEM BACK. It’s acceptable NOT to spray, even if rust develops, if you’re not going to share your plants.

Dan Trimmer: Hybridizing Success Without Too Much Work

By Phil and Luella Korth from Suamico, Wisconsin.

Dan Trimmer has been called many things over the years, for example, “Mr. Colchicine,” “Carpetbagger,” and “The worst daylily grower in Florida.” While these names have some truth to them, Dan has been a successful hybridizer while growing a relatively small number of seedlings. Dan started gardening while doing police work in Long Island, New York. Gardening was a stress release for Dan. The intense job of police work was countered by a transition to the relaxing hobby of gardening where Dan started with vegetables, then began growing daylilies. George Rasmussen was an early mentor for Dan. George had a small hybridizing program with a high percentage of keepers. Dan developed his own philosophy for hybridizing based on observations from George Rasmussen.

Dan calls himself a backyard hybridizer with a program that started in Long Island and then moved to Florida several years ago. Compared to some of the larger hybridizers in the area that grow 20,000 to 50,000 seedlings per year, Dan is a small scale hybridizer who grows about 6,000 seedlings per year. To be successful with a small number of seedlings per year, Dan has followed these guidelines:

- Put a lot of thought into your crosses.
- Focus on a goal.
- Limit the variables – work with colors that are close together.
- Choose parents with good plant habits.
- If one parent has poor qualities, work to overcome those with the other parent.
- Work with the best on the best to maximize results.
- Work with tetraploid conversions of diploids to bring new genes into hybridizing program.
- Establish a niche for your program.
- Avoid using daylilies from the same hybridizer.

Dan moved to Florida several years ago to be a full time hybridizer. He still works with only a small crop of seedlings but has learned to limit his work to what he likes to do: hybridize. He does not like to do certain gardening chores, such as weeding, landscaping, etc. He also minimizes the marketing and sales aspect of his work. Dan writes his catalog in one day.

Dan’s love is hybridizing, and he strives toward garden impact through color. He believes color gives long term value. Success to him is to have his daylilies being sold 10 to 20 years from now as $8 per cultivar just because the flower is great in the garden.

He converted Dragon’s Eye to a tetraploid, and from 200 seeds got 12 introductions. This jump-started his red eye program, which was his niche, one different from the more typical purple eye flowers already available. The best of the tetraploid Dragon’s Eye babies are CELEBRATION OF ANGELS, DAN MAHONY, CHERRY VALENTINE, JAMAICAN MUSIC, and CALLING ALL ANGELS. The beautiful JANE TRIMMER was all Salter breeding, but Dan used a tetraploid conversion of Elizabeth’s DRAGON’S EYE on one side, with the tetraploid line from Jeff Salter on the other side so he could get a new line.

Other good tetraploid conversions for Dan include CONNIE BURTON, which has given him many future introductions. Dan also converted RUFFLED MASTERPIECE and introduced several fine flowers including AMERICAN FLYER and SWEETER THAN SUGAR. These flowers have resulted in large and ruffled edges of many colors.

A recent conversion of the pink diploid GRACE PIERCE has
given Dan some huge flowers with petal widths of 4.5 inches. Watch for some beautiful seedlings from Ed Brown, Enchanted April and Cherry Valentine crossed with the tetraploid Grace Pierce.

In the purple eye area, Dan converted an old diploid, Indian Sky (Farris 1963/64) and crossed it to Canadian Border Patrol. The result was Rapid Eye Movement, a 6.75 inch gold with dark purple eye that covers much of the petal. Rapid Eye Movement is neither round nor exotic, and Dan has worked with this plant in both round and narrow directions. Many nice seedlings have resulted, though Rapid Eye Movement is a striking garden flower in its own right.

Dan also “does” tetraploid spiders and brings a unique look by converting several diploid spiders to tetraploids. Tetraploid Spindazzle was used to produce Long Tall Sally, a 16-inch spider. From that breeding, Royal Celebration, a 12” royal purple spider with a clear color, was introduced. Look for Sergeant Major in 2004, a tetraploid spider with great color. He also has some fine seedlings out of tetraploid Skinwalker.

While some criticize Dan for not being focused, he has successfully produced some nice diploid doubles of all sizes. These include Lucky Pierre and Pat Neumann. Dan has recently converted some fine diploid doubles, and he is finding success with tetraploid doubles.

Finally, Dan has developed an interest in the edge-no eye look with which Dan Hansen has been so successful. He converted Seal of Approval, and he has some great looking seedlings coming out of that plant.

Dan remains enthusiastic about daylilies, and his use of converted diploids has opened up new horizons for himself and for hybridizers who use his plants. We look forward to seeing what he will create in the future.

Jack Carpenter:
A Southern Hybridizer for Northern Climates

By Lana Higgins, Fort Wayne, Indiana and Lee Alden, White Lake, Michigan

Jack Carpenter would have to look for a long time to find someone better suited than his nephew is to represent his love of the daylily to this discriminating audience. Mark’s love of Jack and his work shone through the program like a strong beam of light.

Jack’s conversions of some of his own diploids has brought remarkable results, and the slides were the proof of it. There were tips for us hybridizers, too. For example, there was the advice for using Mount Herman Marvel if we were looking for large sepals. His conversion of Lavender Blue Baby, Dena Marie and Texas Whopper Stopper, to name just a few, were represented in the slide presentation. The ruffles on his creations were something to write home about, too! Fabulous work, and great photos for us to view. Mark knew how to stimulate our appetites. It was a very refreshing program with Jack on the receiving end of many good humored jokes.

Thanks, Mark, for taking us to visit Jack and his work in such a refreshing and entertaining way.

Dan Bachman:
Narrowing my Focus

By July Gridley, a recent Wisconsin transplant to Cleveland, Ohio.

If you’re from Region 2 and haven’t heard of Dan Bachman’s “tunnel-vision goggles”, take a look around. You might just be living in a cave! This unique invention, crafted from paper towel tubes, was used to illustrate a point in Dan’s lively and engaging presentation called “Narrowing My Focus”.

For new and aspiring hybridizers, Dan emphasized the fact that, to make progress in your breeding program, you have to have a plan and set goals. You can’t do everything and do it well, but you can probably do a few things well.

Dan’s own hybridizing program has been narrowed down to three areas: large tetraploid spiders, large diploid unusual forms (the biggest of his programs because it’s the easiest, as the diploid spiders are much more fertile than the tetraploids), and miniature spiders. He showed slides of some of his introductions and seedlings in all of these categories and discussed their parentage. He also showed slides of his farm, Valley of the Daylilies, at its current location in southwest Ohio where he moved in 2001. He included pictures of his seedling beds and talked about his technique for raising daylilies.
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He describes himself as a “dinosaur” because he starts his seeds—without prior refrigeration—outside in the soil, grows all his plants outside, pollinates outside, and doesn’t convert diploids to tetraploids. His seeds go into the ground after the first hard freeze in the fall, and they’re planted very close together. The ones that are hardy enough to sprout the following spring are lined out in raised beds in May or June, at 4 to 6 inches apart, and left until they bloom.

Dan has 7 rules of hybridizing that have helped to narrow his focus. They are:

1. Don’t cross two daylilies by the same breeder. They’re not really your own creation then. (Example: A Munson x a Munson = a Munson)

2. In spider breeding, try not to cross yellow to yellow. That’s because there are already enough good yellow spiders. You may end up getting yellows even when you cross different colors together, but avoid starting with two yellows. Dan added, “How can you top LOIS BURNES!”

3. Do not load first-year seedlings with pods. Only make one pod per seedling, to prevent overtaxing the new plant. Promising daylilies have been lost that way.

4. In spider breeding, the use of old classics is encouraged, but never use old with old. Use old with new. This advice is not applicable to people breeding the modern rounded forms; but when it comes to spiders, the fact that they were out of fashion for about 20 years means that there is still untapped genetic potential in some of the older ones.

5. Mix Northern cultivars and seedlings with Southerners. No South to South. Dan was quick to point out that he has nothing against Southern-bred plants and in fact grows many himself, but it is an important goal for hybridizers breeding northern-hardy plants to include northern genes in their crosses.

6. Get into your own seedlings as much as possible. Work towards using your material in every cross to create your own line.

7. Rules are made to be broken – or at least bent! He added spark to his presentation with a few visual aids. First, he donned a hardhat to illustrate the point that a hybridizer is “constructing” the daylilies he wants. As with the construction of a sound building, the first step is to start with a firm foundation. Those are good parent plants. His own program started with COBURG FRIGHT WIG as its cornerstone. Some others that he recommended for spider breeding were: SPIDER MIRACLE as a diploid that throws good branching and bud count, LAKE NORMAN SPIDER because it passes good, clear red and purple colors, and WILSON SPIDER and LAVENDER HANDLEBARS because they also pass clear colors. HIGHLAND PINCHED FINGERs came highly recommended as a tetraploid spider that is unusually fertile.

Good southern plants that he has added to his line include MARKED BY LYDIA, SO MANY STARS, SHIRLEY TEMPLE CURLS, CLEOPATRA, and SKINNY MINNY. CREEPY CRAWLER was recommended for toothed edges.

Dan emphasized the need to use “tunnel vision” as you work toward your hybridizing goals (and at this point he added his tunnel-vision goggles by duct-taping them to the hardhat). But he stressed that this is different from line breeding. He thinks of it more like a train in a subway tunnel which, from time to time, stops to pick up new
passengers along the way. It’s fine to add new material to your line as long as you keep your goals in mind. It’s also fine to keep some seedlings that aren’t up to your standards for introduction to use as “bridge plants”, steps in the right direction.

It was obvious from his slides that Dan has made great progress in reaching his own hybridizing goals. He has registered 14 daylilies to date. Most are large diploid unusual forms that are tall and eye-catching, including BOOGIE MY WOOGIE and WANG DANG DOODLE. He has also introduced two colorful tetraploids, COLEMAN HAWKINS and CHICKEN ON THE RUN. To see pictures of his current and future introductions, check out his website at http://valleyofthedaylilies.com.

By the way, until he saves up more paper towel tubes, Dan will be without his tunnel-vision goggles. They were auctioned off later that evening, along with a daylily!

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Bobby Baxter:
Digital Daylilies – Exploring all the Facets

By Lee Underschultz, of Firefly Hollow Gardens, Little Hocking, Ohio.

Bobby, with his laptop computer connected to a digital projector, showed us a digital program called FLIP ALBUM (Pro 4.2 or 4.0 version) (web site: http://www.flipalbum.com). This is a program that can be run from the hard drive or a CD, and it allows you to put images into a photo album, one that has an index, a table of contents, and that looks like a real photo album. One can click on the pages to turn them. It has lots of ways to customize the book and caption photos. It can be put on the web, too. It can be stored on a CD and can be sent to someone across land and water, and the receivers can open the album without needing to have the Flip Album program installed on their own computers. All files needed to display the photo album are contained on the CD.

This program, at a relatively reasonable price, opens up a great possibility to put daylily catalogs on CD. Excel (Microsoft’s spreadsheet program) price lists can be added to it. There is even a version that has a shopping cart that allows you to e-mail or fax a purchase order. JPEG and TIF images can be added just as one would add photos to a real photo album. On some versions the images can be locked so that they can’t be copied. You can download the software for a free 30 day trial. I did and found the program to be a lot of fun!! It costs around $130.

The image-editing program FIREWORKS MX by Macromedia.com was recommended for interactive graphics. Dotcolor or Color Cop (FREE) lets you select colors from your screen via an eyedropper to use on other parts of your document. This program, at $300, allows one to make thumbnail and larger images and allows batch processing to reduce images from 800 x 600 pixels to 300 pixels x variable numbers, for example. It also has a command that allows you to sharpen or unsharpen images. Bobby uses DREAMWEAVER MX by Macromedia to create his web design. Dreamweaver has a meta generator (sounds powerful doesn’t it) to create tags for search engines. That’s what gets your site toward the top of the list when someone searches for daylilies.

Bobby also gave us a couple of hints, for example, don’t use spaces in file names to be used on the Internet. There is a program called Magic File Renamer that makes renaming of large number of electronic files/filenames a breeze. It’s free. We like that!

Another tip was for anyone who wants to submit digital images to a magazine for printing to save the JPEG files at 40Kb. Use 300 dots per inch resolution for ads.

For credit card purchasing or selling of products on the Internet, he recommended using PayPal. He explained, saying that allowing customers to use a credit card for payment can make a substantial difference in overall sales.

Bobbie Brooks told us about another site called Bid Pay that allows one to pay by money order.

For creating a price list document to be used on the web you can use Microsoft’s WORD (word processor) or
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EXCEL (spread sheet) programs. EXCEL gives you more latitude and flexibility for formatting.

Bobby also discussed the price(s) for reserving a domain name. Often, a quoted price does not include activation of the domain. There is a separate charge for that. He said to beware of cheaper sites because, usually, you get what you pay for (frequently, poor service with cheaper sites). Make sure that the domain name is registered in YOUR name. Then give the name of your technical person to allow that authorized person to access your site for technical purposes.

Some web sites to visit and to compare:
- gardenweb.com
- gardenbuddies.com
- gardensite.com
- Jamie Gossard’s web site has links to illustrate conversion methods.

Bobby also told us that he will create and maintain a basic web page for you. You might want to check out his bargain prices. He will also do custom designs with prices according to level of complexity.

Consider getting or giving an AHS Life Membership at this year’s bargain price (see front inside cover)!

Curt Hanson: Chaos and Complexity

A synopsis of Curt Hanson’s Friday evening talk deciphered by Rick Yost of Pataskala, Ohio.

Woody Allen was once asked “Have you read I Ching?” He replied, “Not the whole Ching, but I have dabbled in Kirkegaard”…or was that Curtegaard?

Curt kicked off Friday evening’s festivities with a program intended to convey a sense of magic and beauty seen in our natural world, hoping to encourage a deeper respect for all life. Sparked by his observations in nature throughout his world travels, most recently his Hexastylis (wild ginger) hunt in the mountains and plateaus of the southeastern United States, Curt began to see patterns. He stated that

while none of the ten species of Hexastylis are common, several are endangered, primarily due to habitat loss through agriculture, highways, and urban sprawl. Throughout the world, destructive forestry practices are allowing exotic invasive species to overtake the compromised landscape and many native plant communities cannot adapt and have disappeared throughout much of their original range. Studying their unique distribution led Curt to questions more profound and mysterious than simple taxonomy. He stated “the serious student of nature soon realizes the subtle and intricate relationships within the larger biosphere. This order and harmony mirrors some divine orchestra, a reflection of a greater system which extends beyond our limited comprehension of time and space.”

The patterns Curt was seeing in his travels are found

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2003 AHS Region 2 Summer Meeting Tour Gardens
Collinsville, Illinois

Welcome
by RVP Ed Myers

Attendees of the 2003 AHS Region 2 Summer meeting in Southwestern Illinois will be rewarded by the beauty and diversity of the gardens we will be privileged to visit. The gardens will not only have hundreds of daylilies blooming at their best, but they are well landscaped with trees and tall shrubs as well as unusual companion plants. The gardens will vary from level to gently rolling, and many will contain interesting water features of oriental as well as contemporary design. Several have shade gardens with displays of hosta and shade loving plants. Included with these gardens will be a stop at the Missouri Botanical Garden with 1,174 daylily cultivars on display.

Plan to attend this summer meeting and enjoy the hospitality of the Southwestern Illinois Hemerocallis Society.

Until we see you in June, “Pleasant Dreams”

Louis and Celeste Biason Garden
2661 Westmoreland Drive
Granite City, Illinois 62040

One enters this inviting garden from the side through a corridor of perfectly groomed daylilies. This is the effort of two gardeners who exhibit a knowledge of color and use of space that saves only the best.

Celeste grew up in St. Louis near the Missouri Botanical Garden when it was named Shaw’s Garden. She is an artist who paints and is now displaying her talent with flowers. They have three hundred daylilies and one hundred seedlings. This year their favorite is the beautifully eyed Ra Hansen’s 1990 PAIGE’S PINATA.

A Little Shaw’s Garden
Anita Holst
1010 Lantern Lane, Lebanon, Illinois 62254

Anita lives in historic and picturesque Lebanon and the garden she has created over many years fits nicely. The name, “The Little Shaw’s Garden” refers to Henry Shaw who gave...
Carol Lammi
89 West Lake Drive, Troy, Illinois 62294

Lammis' Serene Cove

The visitor to this garden travels through beautiful rolling farm land before arriving at Carol Lammi’s L-shaped house on the cove of a lake. It is appropriate that a large antique piece of farm equipment punctuates this garden as an ornament and is balanced by a huge shock of ornamental grass. There are more than nine varieties of grasses which share space with more than 600 daylilies. The garden was developed by Carol Lammi and her late husband Alan. Carol admits that whichever lily she is admiring at the moment, that is her favorite but has narrowed her preference down to ARIEL ROSE and a cultivar called PRIMAL SCREAM. The Lammis’ interest was sparked by a visit to a mall sale and by a neighbor, Elsie LeBeque.

Lammis’ Serene Cove

The Maxeiners’ garden is the effort of two very creative people.

Jan’s interest had a major start after being asked by a friend to donate flowers to their church and the suggestion that she not get them from a florist but from her own garden. Her father had started her earlier with a bed of mixed petunias from which she has long graduated.

The Maxeiners’ garden has well over four hundred daylilies with unusual companion plants and ground covers. Mazus Reptans is one of her favorites. Her favorite daylily this season is a spider, LILTING LAVENDER, which she says is a good accent in the back of the garden.

There are beautiful touches as one moves along the paths, one being a large ceramic jar, the blue and green of water, with water bubbling over the top and over the sides onto a bed of rocks. This was made by Herb from a yard sale find. His newest work in a picturesque shed that houses his tools but looks like a guest house with a “welcome” porch.

Lammis’ Serene Cove

Herb and Jan Maxeiner 714 Ramona Place, Godfrey, Illinois 62035

The Maxeiners’ Garden

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714 Ramona Place, Godfrey, Illinois 62035

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The Johnson – Gray Garden

Marie Johnson and Debbie Gray
8209 Bivans Road, Dorsey, Illinois 62021

The gardens are at the home of Bud and Marie Johnson (that is also a family business) enhanced by the efforts of their daughter Debbie Gray. Beds of daylilies and iris are backed by tall trees. Only the most attractive plants reside here. (The garden is also known as the Meridian Garden.) The Johnson property is extensive with room for expansion for this busy family. A large deck fronts their home, allowing them to enjoy the fruits of their labor.

Note: Richard Norman of Alton, Illinois, provided all photos for the Region 2 Summer Meeting tour gardens.

The Normans’ Garden

Joan and Richard Norman
5 Monterey Place, Alton, Illinois 62002

Seventeen years ago a daylily gift from church friends piqued an interest in flower gardening, especially daylilies, for this couple.

A large curving bed along the driveway introduces the visitor to the garden which continues to develop since Dr. Norman retired, and the couple has now over 375 cultivars. Blue salvia is a favorite accent.

The back of the house is sheltered by a woods that forms a very private and delightful hideaway in the middle of town. An archway sets off one of the many beds. A shade garden with an oriental water feature made by Dr. Norman represents ideas the couple found during many trips to the Orient. A bench provides the opportunity to appreciate the serenity of this garden. A favorite daylily of Joan’s is TANGERINE CORDUROY, and Dick prefers WATERMELON MOON.

The Whites’ Gardens

Dan and JoAnn White
2457 Kinder Place, Glen Carbon, Illinois 62034

Visitors will find these gardens to be a spectacular site. The Whites’ gardens are situated on a lake surrounded by trees with a dock and boat inviting one to explore. There is so much to see here: Not every garden has a red barn for an accent. The Whites are also collectors of antiques, and the
Region 2 Summer Meeting Tour Gardens
(continued)

The Whites’ Gardens (continued)

beds of lilies, hostas, and other paths are dotted with old benches and interesting garden art.
There is everything here in the Whites’ garden that one could wish for: A gently rolling landscape with beautifully tended and bordered flower beds; daylilies and sun loving plants where there is sun, and hosta and shade lovers where there is minimal sun. All are in a setting bordered by trees and taller flowering shrubs. The Whites’ interests are many, and they have a vineyard as well as vegetable plots. The old red barn is a showcase for JoAnn’s creativity and energy. One can only imagine and look forward to what their energy will create in years to come.

MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

by Richard Norman

The Missouri Botanical Garden, established in 1859, is located on 79 acres of landscaped grounds just a few miles West of Collinsville, Illinois, is the oldest botanical garden in the United States.

This botanical garden is one of the most well-respected botanical institutions in the world. The main purposes of this botanical garden are research, education, and display.

Not only does this garden have many types of garden settings and many thousands of flowers, but there you will also find about 1,174 daylily cultivars.

As our time at this garden will need to be brief, you may wish to schedule some time to enjoy this garden before or after the Region Two meeting.

The Mihu-Henson Garden

Helen Mihu and Ruth Henson
3111 East 23rd Street, Granite City, Illinois 62040

The Mihu–Henson Garden got its inspiration possibly 20 years ago from riding past a city garden that was well-known for its daylilies.

Now this garden hosts over 600 varieties. The garden responsibilities are shared by mother Helen and daughter Ruth. The garden is in a plantation-like setting on 5 acres. Five years ago the house was heavily damaged by fire. One can only imagine the beauty this setting will be again. Work is in progress on the house and its surroundings. Mihu enjoys all varieties of daylilies and at this time has no favorites.

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American Hemerocallis Society Region 2 Summer Meeting

Hosted by the Southwestern Illinois Hemerocallis Society
Headquarters: The Holiday Inn–Collinsville
Collinsville, Illinois
June 27 to 29, 2003

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

Friday, June 27, 2003
9 am–5 pm Registration
Bargain Plant Table Sales, Boutique
Open Gardens visiting 10 am to 4 pm
12:30 pm Exhibition Judges Refresher Clinic
12:30 pm Exhibition Judges Clinics II
1:00 pm Exhibition Judges Clinic I
3:00 pm Garden Judges Workshop 1
5:00 pm Youth Meeting
5:30 pm Reception (cash bar)
6:00 pm Hybridgeters Slide Show
6:30 pm Dinner (included in registration fee)
7:30 pm Announcements
8:00 pm Daylily Plant Auction

Saturday, June 28, 2003
7:00–7:30 am Registration
Breakfast on your own
7:15–7:30 am Buses leave for gardens
Garden Judges Workshop 2 en route
11 am–1:00 pm Lunch en route (included in registration fee)
Lunch times will be staggered.
4:30–5 pm Buses return to hotel
4:30–6 pm Bargain Plant Table Sales and Boutique
6:00 pm Reception (cash bar)
7:00 pm Banquet (included in registration fee)
Region 2 Business Meeting with Guest Speaker Dan Bachman

Sunday, June 29, 2003
7:30 am Buses depart for gardens
12 noon Return to Hotel

Registration Information
$95.00 per person with May 26 postmark
$120.00 per person after May 26 postmark
$65.00 per person for Youth registration

Make checks payable to the Southwestern Illinois Hemerocallis Society (SWIHS)

Mail to:
Registrar Sandy Monroe
5216 Shannon Drive
Godfrey IL 62035
Tel: 618-466-1291
E-mail: scc@1.net

For additional information contact:
Debbie Gray, Chairman
PO Box 54
Dorsey IL 62021-0054
Tel: 618-377-1481
Email: artcart@spiff.net

Meeting/Lodging

Holiday Inn–Collinsville
1000 Eastport Plaza Drive
Collinsville, IL 62234-6103
Telephone: 618-345-2800 Fax: 618-345-0136
Web site: http://www.holidayinncollinsville.com

Contact Hotel directly and mention the AHS Region 2 Summer Meeting to get the special room rate of $89 single or double plus tax if reserved by May 26, 2003.

Highlights
- Guest speaker Dan Bachman
- Bargain plant table
- Eight gardens on tour
- Exh. judges clinics, garden judges workshops
- Friday evening slide show & plant auction
Meet our Region 2 Summer Meeting 2003  
Keynote Speaker: Dan Bachman

by Narda Jones and Sandy Russell, of the Southwestern Indiana Daylily Society

Dan was a guest speaker at SWIDS in January, and Narda and Sandy graciously passed along this information.

Dan acquired his first daylily in 1984. By 1988 he had joined AHS and his local daylily organization, the Greater Cincinnati Daylily and Hosta Society. His interest in spider daylilies started in the early 1990’s since no one in the area grew them. Through many purchases, trades, and other acquisitions of daylilies, he was able to grow enough varieties to publish his first catalog in 1994. Then, his “cooking with daylilies” began. In 2001, he registered his first introductions of three daylilies. His recipes and formulas didn’t stop there; registering four daylilies in 2002 and seven in 2003. Over the years, he has also been very active in the daylily arena, serving in several offices of his local daylily club as well as offices in Region 2; for example, Dan has been AHS garden judges chair as well as our region’s ways and means committee chair.

Today, he is growing close to 3000 registered daylilies in his fields, and he has several thousand more seedlings. Several hundred of those registered daylilies are spiders.

He stated that he is a spider person. Dan thinks that one needs a “variant” personality to really like spiders. That is why he thought spiders suited him so well. His 13-acre daylily farm, named Valley of the Daylilies, opens in April every year, and it is located in Lebanon, Ohio, about 30 miles north of Cincinnati.

Digital image above: Taken by Lee Alden at the Region 2 Symposium 2003.
**Plant Auction**

**Summer Meeting 2003**

American Hemerocallis Society, Region 2

Since the Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society hosted the National AHS Convention in 2002, the Region 2 Summer Meeting being held in Collinsville, Illinois, on June 27, 28, and 29, will be the first regional meeting since 2001. This meeting is very important to the financial status of our region not only for the current year but also for the year 2004.

The largest source of revenue each year is the Plant Auction at the Summer Meeting. Please consider bringing some cultivars (minimum value $25) that you will donate for the 2003 Summer Meeting Auction. Any you have to donate will be appreciated.

Region 2 will acknowledge all donations for your tax records.

**BARGAIN PLANT SALE DONATIONS**

Please bring extra plants you may have with values under $25.00 to help fill the bargain tables in the boutique being sold for the benefit of the region. Any you have to donate will be appreciated.

Debbie Gray
Chair of the AHS Region 2 Summer Meeting in 2003.

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**Boutique**

Region 2 Summer Meeting 2003
Friday, June 27, 2003, 9 am to 5 pm

**Why not Show Your Goods**

A large area is available for those of you who wish to show and sell your daylily art, plant labels, garden structures, books, and other related garden items.

**Rental per space:**
$30 with one table, $50 with 2 tables.

**For details and to reserve tables, please contact:**
Dolores Bourisaw
2611 Hodges
Granite City IL 62040
618-877-4510 E-mail: jobild@charter.net

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The slides will be shown *before dinner* Friday evening, June 27. Up to 10 slides would be appreciated.

Please send slides no later than June 21 so they may be included on a printed list.

Mail to: Richard Ford
Box 55
Petersburg IL 62675
Tel: 217-632-3791
E-mail: dado9304@aol.com

(Graphic contributed by: Jill Yost, Pataskala, Ohio.)

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**SLIDE REQUEST**

FOR THE YEAR 2003

AHS REGION 2 SUMMER MEETING

**HYBRIDIZERS:**
Please share slides of your new and future introductions.

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**PLEASE DONATE AUCTION PLANTS**

For the 2003 AHS Region 2 Summer Meeting  
June 27-29

Proceeds Support the Region 2 Great Lakes Daylily Newsletter

List cultivar names and hybridizer

Donor Name: __________________________  
Address: ____________________________________________________

Hybridizer Cultivars

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Please send this form for compilation by June 15, 2003, to the 2003 Region 2 Summer Meeting Plant Auction Chair:

Mary Milanowski  
452 Collindale Avenue NW  
Grand Rapids MI 49504  
Tel: 616-453-3769  
E-mail: LilyGal@aol.com

Cultivars will be:

☐ Brought by me or someone else to the Summer Meeting 2003  
☐ Will be mailed to Dan and JoAnn White of 2457 Kinder Place, Glen Carbon, IL 62034, E-mail djwhite@accessus.net between June 18-20, to arrive by June 24, 2003.  
☐ Will be shipped by me to the winning bidder.

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**2003 Howard Hite Achievement Award for Hybridizing Excellence**

Nomination Form

Nominations for the Hite Award are made by Region 2 members. Use this ballot form and attach additional information if desired. (Form may be photocopied)

For more information, please refer to the Hite Award criteria and a listing of previous Hite Award winners on page 45.

I wish to nominate:

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because:

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Signature __________________________________________________________________

Complete this form and mail on or before May 31, 2003, to:

RVP Ed Myers  
5157 Bixford Avenue  
Canal Winchester OH 43110
Bylaws Changes

By RVP Ed Myers

During the AHS National Convention held last summer in Michigan several important changes to the AHS Bylaws were approved, two of which affect Region Two.

It will be necessary to have a vote at the 2003 Region Two meeting on changing the Region Two bylaws to conform to those of the American Hemerocallis Society.

BYLAWS CHANGE #1:
The article affected is ARTICLE IV OFFICERS Section 3 and 4.

The changes are that the Regional Vice President will no longer appoint the chairperson of the nominating committee for both the Director and the Regional Vice President. And there will not be a ballot published in the newsletter for electing the Regional Vice President. The chair of the committee to nominate a Regional Vice President will present the committee’s nominee at the annual regional meeting and open the floor for additional nominations.

The existing Region Two Bylaws read as follows:

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 3. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR. Each region shall elect its own director from Society members of that Region. Nomination shall be made by a nominating committee consisting of three members from the region. The chairman of the committee shall be appointed by the regional vice president. The other two members shall be elected on a timely basis by a majority vote of the regional members at the annual regional meeting. Only one of the three members can have served on the nominating committee during the prior election of a director and under no circumstances can a member of the nominating committee serve more than two consecutive terms. The nominating committee will take into consideration the specific skill, if any needed by the Society to best serve the membership. The committee shall send to the membership by insertion in the regional newsletter at least two months prior to the annual regional meeting a ballot for voting, with the committee’s nomination and with space for write-in candidates. If an incumbent director is eligible to serve a second three-year term and unless he indicates in writing his unwillingness to do so, his name must be included on the ballot. The ballot must be signed and returned to the chairman of the nominating committee within thirty (30) days of the mailing of the ballot. The nominating committee shall count the ballots and ascertain that all ballots are from active members as certified by the Secretary of AHS through the mailing labels provided for the regional newsletter in which the ballot appears. The results will be reported to the regional membership at the annual regional meeting and to the president of the Society along with a written statement by the director-elect that he is able, willing and qualified to serve as a director of the Society. If there is an inadequate number of directors at the time of the fall meeting due to any region not electing a qualified director, the AHS president shall appoint a director from the membership at large subject to ratification by two thirds vote of the national AHS Board. If a director resigns during his regular term, the AHS president shall appoint, in collaboration with the nominating committee, a member from that region to fill the vacancy, subject to ratification by two thirds vote of the AHS by mail. Any appointed member of the AHS national board serving more than one half of a regular term of three years, shall be deemed to have served a full term.

Section 4. ELECTION OF REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT. Each region shall elect its own regional vice president from Society members of that region. Nominations shall be made by a nominating committee of three members. The chairman of the committee shall be appointed by the regional vice president, the other two members shall be elected on a timely basis by a majority vote of the regional members at the annual regional meeting. Only one of the three members can have served on the nominating committee during the prior election of a regional vice president and under no circumstances can a member serve more than two consecutive terms. The chairman of the nominating committee shall send to the membership by insertion in the regional newsletter at least two months prior to the annual regional meeting a ballot for voting, with the committee’s nomination and with space for write-in candidates. The ballot must be signed and returned to the chairman of the nominating committee within thirty (30) days of the mailing of the ballot. The nominating committee shall count the ballots and ascertain that all ballots are from active members as certified by the Secretary of AHS through the mailing labels provided for the regional newsletter in which the ballot appears. The results will be reported to the regional membership at the annual regional meeting.

For complete Region Two bylaws, please see the Region Two Web Page:

http://www.ahsregion2.org/bylaws.html

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The proposed change will read as follows:

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BYLAWS CHANGE #2

At the special-called business meeting of Region Two, held during the 2002 Symposium, there was a lengthy motion made to reword Article 5, Section 2 of the Region Two Bylaws concerning financial proceeds from Regional Summer Meetings. This motion was tabled by unanimous vote pending study of the issue by a committee. This committee was to report back to the Region no later than a special meeting to be held during the 2003 Symposium. As the committee could not make a decision, there was not a need for a meeting at the 2003 Symposium. This matter then falls to the responsibility of your Region Two Board members under Article IX Amendments, Section 2, of the Region Two Bylaws.

After conferring with the AHS Special Chair of Protocol, Jack Harrison, your RVP was told this change was needed and should be a STANDING RULE and part of the bylaws.

It is felt there is a need for this rule to give guidance and avoid embarrassment of host clubs and to emphasize that the Summer Meeting is the only major opportunity for the Region to raise funds needed to cover expenses such as printing and mailing the newsletter and administrative expenses.

Your Region Two Board has concurred on the following wording of this STANDING RULE.

STANDING RULE I:

All fund raising activities held during an annual Region Two Summer meeting with exception of boutique sales shall be for the benefit of the Region Two treasury.

This will be presented for a vote of the members at the 2003 Region Two Summer Meeting.

Ed Myers, RVP Region Two
IS Your Club Insured under AHS Insurance?

March 2003: Change in AHS Insurance Agencies. The AHS insurance coverage remains with Chubb Insurance with the same coverage and limits. We have changed agencies to the:

Harmon Cone Agency
7115 Halycon Summit Drive
Montgomery AL 36117

Order Certificates of Insurance for club, regional or national activities from:

Chasity Eiland at the above address or
Phone 334-273-7277 Fax 334-273-9197
E-mail: ceiland@harmoncone.com

AHS holds a Commercial General Liability policy with limits of $1,000,000 each occurrence with a General Aggregate of $2,000,000, including a $10,000 Medical Expense limit.

All AHS members are the insureds, therefore, the policy does not cover us against each other, either for bodily injury or liability claims. Both limits protect members against a third party. The insurer will make medical expense payments regardless of fault, not to exceed the $10,000 limit. A claimant who suffers injury in excess of the limit would have to bring legal action and prove negligence.

The only purpose for the insurance is to protect the assets of members, local clubs, regions and the national society. Every AHS member is covered whether or not the club hold membership. There are, however, two advantages for clubs to join AHS. One, from a publicity standpoint, is the receipt of the regional and national publications which can be placed in the public library. The other advantage, from a legal standpoint, is that the club becomes an entity which is the target for any legal action. This relieves the club officers, to some extent, from possible legal action since a litigant will move toward the $2,000,000 rather than toward the individual officer. Club membership does not offer any coverage to non-AHS club members nor are we liable for their negligent acts.

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- http://www.ahsregion2.org
- 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

Looking Ahead

AHS Region 2 Meetings

2004: Bay Area Daylily Buds
2005: Greater Cincinnati Daylily and Hosta Society
June 29-July 3, 2005 (AHS National Convention)

Region 2 Englerth Award

This hybridizing excellence award is open to Region 2 hybridizers exclusively. All seedlings 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:

2003 - Southwestern Illinois Hemerocallis Society
Debbie Gray
Meridian Gardens
8209 Bivens Road
Dorsey, IL 62021
Tel: 618-377-1481 E-mail: artcart@spiff.net

2004 - Bay Area Daylily Buds
Mark and JoAnn Jankowski
4297 DePrey Road
Abrams, WI 54101
Tel: 920-826-5995
Email Contact: Nate Bremer solaris@lakefield.net

2005 - Greater Cincinnati Daylily and Hosta Society
Dan & Jackie Bachman
1850 S. St. Rt.123
Lebanon, OH 4503
Tel: 513-934-1273 E-mail: valleydan@earthlink.net
Hosts of the AHS National Convention
society-sponsored personal awards are made annually, and the recipients of the various awards are determined by vote of the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) Board of Directors or by special panels of judges.

The AHS Board determines the recipients of the following awards:

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

**HELEN FIELD FISCHER GOLD MEDAL (1950)**

This is the Society’s highest honor and is the official recognition for distinguished and meritorious service rendered the AHS by a member on the national level. A thorough review of qualifications should be made for all members considered for this honor. A complete list of services the candidate has rendered the AHS shall be made for all members considered for this honor. Although two awards have been given on occasion, in general this award should honor only one person annually. A dual award for two members of the same family will count as one.

**BERTRAND FARR SILVER MEDAL (1950)**

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 review should be made of the 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. This award can only be given to a single individual.

In order to assist the AHS Board in determining candidates, AHS members may send their nominations for these two awards to the AHS Awards and Honors Chairman by September 1. Each nomination must be typed, double or single-spaced on one or two sheets of paper. It must contain a summary of the nominee’s worthiness for this award. Currently serving board members and RVPs are not eligible for this award. No more than one AHS Regional Service Award 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 Membership Chairman.

Nominations must be sent to the AHS Awards and Honors Chairman by September 1. Each nomination must be typed, double or single-spaced on one or two sheets of paper and must contain a summary of the nominee’s worthiness for this award. Selections are made by secret ballot at the Fall AHS Board Meeting. Announcement and presentation of awards are made at the next AHS National Convention.

**Note:** For complete information, please refer to the AHS Judging Daylilies handbook, 2002, Chapter A-1 and The AHS Daylily Journal, Spring 2003, pages 20-22.

**Recent Changes to AHS Specialty Awards**

*by Rich Rosen, AHS Awards & Honors Chairman*

The AHS Garden Judges play an important role in our organization. They visit daylily gardens and observe the garden performance of our favorite flower. Each year they receive a ballot with the various AHS award categories and nominees. Based on their votes the AHS presents its various cultivar awards at the National Convention. These awards serve both as recognition for the hybridizers and as recommendations for all AHS members. To become a Garden Judge you take two workshops and submit an application. If you aren’t a Garden Judge, you’re missing a little responsibility and a lot of fun. I hope you will consider it.

When you attend Garden Judges Workshop 1, you get a review of all the various AHS awards. Frankly, I found it to be a little overwhelming the first time. Not as bad as...
Recent Changes to AHS Specialty Awards (continued)
my first kiss, but that’s another story. It seems like every award has different requirements and no two awards are alike. There are good reasons for how this came about, but I didn’t think there were good reasons to let it continue. It is intimidating to the Garden Judges, who should be focused on garden performance rather than worrying about minutia. And it is confusing to the hybridizers when they make their nominations. So the AHS Awards & Honors Committee, including Don Jerabek from Region 2, came up with suggestions to simplify the awards, which were reviewed and approved by the AHS Board of Directors this past fall. Here are the changes:

1. The Don C. Stevens Award for outstanding eyed or banded daylilies can now be won by the same hybridizer in consecutive years. This was the only award that had this type of restriction. We want to recognize the best cultivars and shouldn’t care who created it.

2. The Eugene S. Foster Award for outstanding late-blooming cultivars and the Don C. Stevens Award were tabulated differently from all other awards. It required that the winner must be one of the top 3 selections in at least half of the regions. Rarely, if ever, has this affected the selection of a winner, and it creates additional work for the tabulator. We have eliminated this requirement from these two awards.

3. Four of the nine specialty awards required a nominee to have previously won an Honorable Mention. The other five specialty awards required a nominee to have been registered at least five years. One can make a good argument for either requirement, but not for different requirements for different awards. Since the specialty awards are intended to recognize niche categories of special interest, we decided to keep their requirements separate from the main award pyramid, which includes the Honorable Mention. Now all nine specialty awards require registration at least 5 years prior to balloting. This affects the Donn Fischer, Annie T. Giles, Ida Munson, and L. Ernest Plouf awards.

I trust you will find that this simplifies the garden judging process. The changes are basically just housekeeping, nothing earth shaking. The real challenge comes in the future when the Awards & Honors Committee proposes some new specialty awards! Stay tuned. ☺

From AHS E-mail Robin Harold Ramsey in Jonesboro, AR, Region 13 - Zone 7:
You are a hemeroholic if.....
You let your beds encroach into your neighbors lawn and
you judge your friends by the number of daylilies they grow.

A New Name:
SARAH SIKES SLIDE SEQUENCE AWARD
by Barbara Watts, AHS Director for Region 14

In 1979 AHS Region 14 established an award which was to be given “for the best entry of slides in a sequence of events that gives information relating to daylilies.” The sequence could be as “few as two slides and a maximum of twenty slides. All slides must be in focus and be of 35 mm format. Original slides are preferred, but good copies will be accepted.” The award is administered by the AHS Slide and Video Librarian. The rules are outlined in the Judging Daylilies Handbook (Chapter A2-3). The award for the Slide Sequence, a silver tray, was to be furnished by Region 14. Very few members of Region 14 are aware that the silver tray has been donated on behalf of Region 14 by Sarah Sikes. This award has not been awarded every year; only when there has been a deserving entry. Sarah has not counted, but numerous silver trays have been purchased and engraved for this purpose.

Sarah Sikes, for those who do not know, lives in Luverne, Alabama. She has served as Region 14 RVP, is the owner of Windmill Gardens and has been a major hybridizer for years. She was the recipient of the AHS Region 14 Service Award in 1977. She received the Stout Silver Medal (the Society’s highest cultivar award) for NEAL BERREY in 1995, the Lenington All-American Award (for a cultivar that performs outstandingly in most parts of the country) for DESIGNER JEANS in 1995, the Helen Field Fischer Medal (as recognition of distinguished and meritorious service rendered the Society by a member) in 1986, and the Bertrand Farr Medal (for outstanding results in the field of hybridizing) in 1996.

Sarah now suffers from a form of incurable anemia which depletes her energy and limits her activities. She no longer feels like making trips to shop for silver trays as she once did. At the Fall 2002 AHS Region 14 Meeting in Meridian, the assembly voted to assume the responsibility for the Slide Sequence Award. It was decided that the award would be changed to a pewter bowl (which would not require as much maintenance) and that the name of the award would be changed to the Sarah Sikes Slide Sequence Award.

The members of AHS Region 14 would like to express their appreciation to Sarah Sikes for her dedication and service to Region 14 and say “Thank you” for providing the silver tray for this award through the years. ☺

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Garden Judges, Update Your Judging Daylilies Handbook!

CHANGES IN GARDEN JUDGES WORKSHOP 1 PROGRAM

by Peggy Jeffcoat, AHS Judges Education Chair

Training to become an accredited AHS Garden Judge may begin after two consecutive years (24 months) of AHS membership by attending Workshop 1.

To correct your handbook:

Page B2-2:
At the end of the first bullet, add the following sentence: “Training may begin after two consecutive years (24 months) membership by attending Workshop 1.”

The following changes were approved at the Fall meeting of the AHS Board of Directors 2002:

1. Cultivars that are still eligible for the Stout Silver Medal or have previously won the Stout Silver Medal are not eligible for the Lenington All-American Award.

To correct your handbook:

Page A3-1: insert the above sentence between the second and third sentence of the Lenington definition.

2. The definition of the Don C. Stevens Award is changed to eliminate the restriction that the same hybridizer cannot win this award in consecutive years.

To correct your handbook:

Page A3-5: in the third sentence of the Don C. Stevens definition strike the words “not in consecutive years and”. This sentence would read “The award may be won multiple times by the same hybridizer but not for the same cultivar.”

3. The Don C. Stevens Award and the Eugene S. Foster Award will be changed to eliminate the criteria that the winner must be one of the top 3 selections in at least half of the regions.

To correct your handbook:

Page A3-5: in the Don C. Stevens Award definition strike the sentence that says, “The winner must be one of the top three selections in at least half of the regions.”

Page A3-6: in the Eugene S. Foster Award definition strike the sentence that says, “The winner must be one of the top three selections in at least half of the regions.”

4. Donn Fischer Memorial Cup Award, Annie T. Giles Award, Ida Munson Award and L. Ernest Plouf Award will be changed to eliminate the requirement that a nominee has previously won an Honorable Mention and replace it with the requirement that a nominee must have been registered a minimum of five years prior to balloting.

To correct your handbook:

Page A3-4: in the Donn Fisher Memorial Cup Award definition strike the words “won the Honorable Mention Award: and replace it with the words “been registered for a minimum of five years prior to balloting”.

Page A3-5: in the Annie T. Giles Award, the Ida Munson Award and the L. Ernest Plouf Award definitions strike the words “won the Honorable Mention Award” and replace it with the words “been registered for a minimum of five years prior to balloting.”

Polish Your Camera Lenses Please!

Our Region 2 Summer Meeting This Year Will Present a Perfect Slide-Taking Opportunity

We are always looking for images to print on the covers of our Region 2 newsletters. The Fall 2003/Winter 2004 issue will bring several pages printed in color. Think about how proud you would be to have your color photo or slide printed on the outside covers or on the inside pages of future Region Two newsletter issues.

For some tips on how to take photos or slides, please turn to page 52.

I will count on your taking good photos and slides! Gisela
Gus Guzinski Wins the 2002 Englerth Award

About Gus Guzinski

By Gisela Meckstroth

Gus Guzinski named his first cultivar WELCOME TO XENON. That was in 2001. It sometimes blooms as a spider variant but it was not registered that way since it is variable in its dimensions. One of the good points of that plant is that it reblooms reliably in my garden. Sometimes, the second set of scapes forms too late in September to open well, but Gus knows of no other near-spider daylily that is early with rebloom. These two seedlings came from his study of the genetics of daylily flowers. He did not set out specifically to breed for spider-like daylilies; as Gus puts it, “I was examining how flower colors were inherited, and I used KINDLY LIGHT as a yellow with a faint eye with other colors. At the time I had not proven to myself that yellow is dominant to melon and was studying the ratios of color types produced in different crosses. My wife actually picked both plants as having particularly attractive flowers. I honestly had not noticed this, since I was looking at the flowers only in terms of the inheritance of color shown in the flowers in the second generation.”

His claim to fame in daylilies, as Gus tells it, is that he is the person who proved that the melon color of daylilies is due to the presence of lycopene, a carotenoid pigment that is not present in species daylilies. In his previous employment as a research chemist, he had permission to use company instruments to identify and measure the carotenoid pigments in daylily flowers. The New Daylily Handbook For 2002

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Notes:

• The criteria for selecting an Englerth Award winner were printed in our Fall 1999/Winter 2000 regional newsletter.

• Englerth Gardens is sometimes called Englearth Gardens, but the Herrema family prefers to use the family name.
Walter Jablonski Wins the 2002 Hite Award Posthumously

The History of the Award:
At the 1989 Region 2 Summer Meeting, this new award was announced and sponsored by the Southern Michigan Iris and Hemerocallis Society. It is a free-form, sand-etched glass plate with an engraved image of Howard Hite’s INDONESIA on it.

It is meant to honor years of effort on the part of a hybridizer to improve daylily cultivars. Any Region 2 member, including members of the Hite Award Committee, may submit names of candidates for the award to the Region 2 RVP before January 31 each year. (Note the exception in 2003 is May 31. Please refer to voting ballot on page 37)

The criteria for selection of a recipient were printed in the Fall 1999/Winter 2000 issue of our Region 2 newsletter. You may also contact the Southern Michigan Iris and Hemerocallis Society for information.

Hite Award Recipients

1990 Dr. Charles Branch  1996 Robert Griesbach
1991 No award presented  1997 Dennis Anderson
1992 Bryant Millikan  1998 Curt Hanson
1993 Brother Charles Reckamp  1999 Marge Soules
1994 Steve Moldovan  2000 John Benz
1995 Howard Hite  2001 Leo Sharp
2002 Walter Jablonski

About Walter Jablonski

Some recollections
from Nick Balash,
Bill Sevetson, and Leo Sharp.
Gathered and written by Gisela Meckstroth

The Howard Hite Achievement Award for Hybridizing Excellence was awarded posthumously to Walter Jablonski during the 2002 AHS Region 2 Summer Meeting awards ceremonies.

Is there a daylily lover among us today who does not know STELLA DE ORO? You and I know that there is not. As a matter of fact, this cultivar is so well-known because landscapers of public and private gardens have used it perhaps more often than they have any other daylily; at least, that is the case in Ohio.

Interestingly, as Walter’s old friend Leo Sharp recalls, Walter did not really care for the small flower, but he certainly recognized its many outstanding qualities.

Leo’s friendship with Walter began before 1976 when he lived near Merrillville, Indiana, where Walter grew his daylilies. Walter and Leo would walk the seedling beds every morning. As Leo told the 1999 Region 2 Symposium attendees in Indianapolis, Indiana, and as that presentation was reported by Karen Burgoyne (Texas) in our Region 2 Spring-Summer 1999 newsletter, Walter exhibited a natural showmanship as a young man, and he was always considered to be bright. One day, a neighbor of the Jablonski family wanted to express this compliment about Walter’s intelligence to his father, and he received the quite unexpected come-back response of: “Too bad he doesn’t have any brains.” Walter was orphaned at age 16 when he was a high-school sophomore, and it fell to him to raise his five siblings. He managed to rebuild the family fortune in the grocery business and help all of the siblings to educate themselves and to become successful, contributing citizens. According to Leo, Walter also served as president of the Chicagoland Daylily Society in

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AHS Awards Presented to Region 2 Members
at the 2002 National Convention in Detroit–Troy, Michigan

Bertrand Farr Award
Curt Hanson

Stout Silver Medal Runner-up:
Curt Hanson for PRIMAL Scream

Award of Merit:
Charles Branch for SMUGGLER’S GOLD

Award of Merit Runners-up:
Curt Hanson for SPIRITUAL CORRIDOR
Steve Moldovan for FRANCIS OF ASSISI
Leo Sharp for BROOKWOOD OJO POCO

Honorable Mention:
Curt Hanson for
•BEYOND THUNDERDOME
•WORLDS COLLIDE
•SPARTACUS ADORNED
Bryant Millikan for BIG SNOWBIRD
Steve Moldovan for
•APRIL IN PARIS
•LORD OF RINGS
•DIVINE COMEDY
•NOBLE LORD
•WATERSHIP DOWN
Leo Sharp for BROOKWOOD LEE CAUSEY
Charles Branch for
•BOMBAY BICYCLE
•SWEET REVENGE
The Lambert/ Webster Award for 2001
Curt Hanson for PRIMAL Scream

Newsletter Award:
Caroline Benser for Favorite Southern Cultivars
(Region 2 Daylily Newsletter Spring/Summer 2001)

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•Chicagoland DS, Illinois, in memory of Carol Madison, and Guy Louis Calhamer from Illinois.
•Bay Area Daylily Buds, Wisconsin, in memory of Fred Trowbridge, Jr. from Wisconsin.

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Editor’s Note:
These donations reflect those made to AHS from August 15, 2002, to November 15, 2002

DO YOU KNOW ...that you can...

- Surf the Net and learn more about daylilies?
- Visit the American Hemerocallis Society Web-Site address at: http://www.daylilies.org/daylilies.html?
- Visit our Region Two web pages and local club links at: http://www.ahsregion2.org?
- 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.)
Engler Award Winner (continued from page 44)

(Edited by Frances Gatlin with James R. Brennan) printed some of his comments updating what is known about daylily flower pigments.

Gus has hybridized for about 20 years but only expanded his seedling bed and seriously studied the genetics of daylilies after he and his wife built their present house about 13 years ago.

Here is what he says about his breeding program:

I guess I have about half an acre of daylily seedlings. In the past I used to discard most of them as soon as I had recorded the flower color, unless I thought I needed to check what would be produced in the next generation. Several years ago I noticed that I was producing a fair number of seedlings, which bloomed very early, out of my work crossing the species to modern daylilies. Although I am keeping a couple of lines going for other reasons, I plant about 3,000 seeds for early bloom every spring. I plant directly in the ground since this is the least amount of work and I am not in a hurry. I have no worry that someone else will beat me in a race to use the newest plants. Most of my breeding is with diploids because there are so many more diploids that bloom extra early than there are tetraploids. I have found fewer than a dozen tetraploids that bloom EE in my climate. It is also much faster to breed for a specific characteristic, like early bloom, with diploids because they have only one half as many genes.

Early bloom in daylilies is not a difficult trait to fix. The difficult part is regaining the color and form of modern daylilies with early bloom. For decades, most hybridizers in the North discarded seedlings that bloom outside their peak bloom period. They do not bloom for shows and do not win awards. The genes for early bloom were discarded as hybridizers developed the modern flower with bloom in late July. My records of when cultivars start blooming show that 85 to 90% of all modern cultivars start to bloom within a two-week period in southwest Michigan. My seedling peak bloom is now a month before that.

Gus Guzinski

Although this is a bit of a simplification, early bloom can be considered a fairly dominant trait.

Most of my crosses are now between my seedlings although I still use a few new cultivars if they have a trait I need. One of the problems with using the early blooming species is that I have a problem with poor bud count and weak scapes. I outcross my seedlings to a few new cultivars with high bud count every year to try to correct this. Of course, this takes away from the earliness of bloom so I have to cross those seedling back to my earlier blooming seedlings.

I also can’t resist keeping flowers that are just peculiar. For example, I have a near-white spider seedling that is about eight inches in diameter on scapes that are about a foot tall. I don’t know if this sort of plant should be encouraged. I have a large number of seedlings with speckled and dotted flowers. Personally, I don’t think they are attractive but they are interesting.

My program for breeding a daylily with variegated foliage that stays variegated is getting nowhere. Variegated foliage reverts to all green at about the same rate as I can get an increase in the number of fans. I have not found a seedling in which this is a stable trait. Actually, WELCOME TO XENON often throws striped leaves, although I did not register it as having variegated foliage.

Gus has been active in AHS for quite a few years. He has served on the Registration Committee and the Scientific Studies Committee, he has been an organizer and presenter for the science forum at national conventions, and a couple of his articles have been published in The Daylily Journal. These have been semi-technical, or popularized science, in nature. His favorite is the one that describes a garden as a balanced ecosystem with the gardener as part of the environment. Much of this information has only been read by those in the Species/Science Robin.

Gus served as Region 2 newsletter editor for 4 years, he served on several regional committees, he was a speaker during the first four Region 2 Midwinter Symposia, and he has been the main speaker at a Region 8 meeting and the Mid-Winter Symposium in Chattanooga. Several years ago, Gus started the Kalamazoo Area Daylily Society and has served as its president for those years.
Our Daylily World Remembers Howard Hite

By Diana Dillaber Murray, of the Oakland Press, Michigan

Founder of Hite Photo Company also was known nationally for daylilies. Howard Hite, a Sylvan Lake resident, died Tuesday, January 21, 2003, of congestive heart failure in Florida, just days short of his 99th birthday.

Mr. Hite was wintering with his daughter in Treasure Island when he became ill and died at a nursing home in St. Petersburg.

The Detroit-based photography company he started grew to include branches throughout the metropolitan area. It was the first in the state to offer overnight photo developing. Mr. Hite retired in 1987 after 60 years in the business.

Retirement gave him more time for his daylily hobby, for which he was known around the country as an expert. Mr. Hite created dozens of new varieties of the colorful flower.

“Every morning, I go out in the garden and look and see what is blooming,” Hite said in an August interview with The Oakland Press. His daughter, Gloria Hite, who shared a home with him, pushed him in his wheelchair each day to see the new varieties.

His goals were to grow a blue daylily and to live to be 100 years old. “If he could have lived to be 100, that would have been wonderful,” Gloria Hite said, but I am just so glad I had the time I had with him.” He and his daughter began sharing the home after his wife, Eleanor Hite, died five years ago. His son, Donald Hite, also lived with him in more recent years and helped to care for Mr. Hite. “He was my father, he was my friend and he was my rock that was always there,” Gloria Hite said.

Now vice president of the Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society of daylily growers and hybridizers, Gloria Hite plans to stay involved in her father’s work. “I’d like to see his dream of a blue daylily turn up one of these days.”

Mr. Hite registered his last daylily just last week. It was named Christine Walser Hite after his mother.

A memorial service for friends in Oakland County will be held later this year.

In addition to his son and daughter, Mr. Hite also is survived by seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

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

We appreciate your support!

Thy Kingdom Come

Very Special Thanks to our Region Two Donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

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Note: The editor is grateful to our Region 2 member Roy Woodhall who shared this information with the AHS E-mail Robins. This January 24, 2003, obituary is reprinted here with the permission of Diana Dillaber Murray, of the Oakland Press, Michigan, and its Special Sections and Media Editors.)
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the 1970’s. Bill Sevetson sent a copy of the Chicagoland Daylily Society’s Winter 1975-76 newsletter to the editor in which Walter wrote the 1974-1975 president’s message to its members. Also listed in this newsletter is a listing of the 1975 registrations of the Chicagoland DS’s breeders. Among these are Walter’s BLUSHING BELLE, GREEN RIVER, PARADE REST, SEVENTEEN SEVENTY SIX, and STELLA DE ORO.

With Leo’s encouragement, Walter did register and introduce STELLA DE ORO, and the STELLA legend was made. Every attendee at the AHS National Convention in Indianapolis received STELLA as a gift plant. The Wall Street Journal carried publicity for the cultivar and helped spread its fame. Nick Balash of Albion, Michigan, was one of the recipients of this gift plant, and as Nick tells it, STELLA DE ORO multiplied so fast that during the third growing season, he had 275 fans of the cultivar in his garden. Later, Nick continued, he, Hal Rice, the late Harris Olson, and Peter DeGroot (a commercial nurseryman from Coloma, Michigan) attended a Region 2 Summer Meeting in Michigan City, Indiana. During one of the garden visits, Nick pointed out a large circular bed of all MARY TODD to Pete, encouraging him to add daylilies as a landscape plant to his nursery stock. Later, the group visited Walter Jablonski, and Pete ended up buying a large number of STELLA DE ORO clumps from Walter for 50 cents a fan, growing those clumps for a couple of seasons, and reselling them for $4.50 a clump.

And how did Walter come up with the name for this famous daylily? Leo, who is a virtual “treasure chest” crammed full of wonderful stories about daylily people and their experiences, tells is this way (quoting):

During the last years of Walter’s life, I was operating an airline in Chicago...it was known as Worldwide Airlines (nothing modest about the name), and we operated three Boeing 707’s to Mexico, London, Hawaii, and the Caribbean. One year, most likely about 1983, I stopped by in early December to check on Walter, and we had a coffee over his somewhat dusty kitchen table. He showed me the box of cookies that he still enjoyed and from which he got the name for his now famous STELLA DE ORO daylily.

I asked Walter if he had ever been to Hawaii, and he said that he had not but he had long wanted to do so. I told him that if he would like to go the next weekend (this was most likely said to him on a Monday) that I could provide a seat for him. Walter was frugal! Not that he was poor, but he understood “poor” and didn’t want to go there again. The offer was more than he could refuse. He reserved his space. He liked the price...gratis, and I advised my family that he would be coming.

When Walter was ensconced in his room, they contacted him, and he was invited to the family Christmas dinner. Everyone fell immediately in love with Walter. Knowing how much he enjoyed that trip, I invited him to go in the ensuing years, and everyone enjoyed having him come over during the holidays, particularly my mother, who thought that he was really someone special, indeed. He would walk Waikiki Beach early in the morning during his stays there. (End quote)

Attendees of the 2005 AHS National Convention in Cincinnati will receive a gift plant with a Walter Jablonski connection. Leo Sharp is naming the daylily BROOKWOOD ERNEST GULLION MEMORIAL. Ernest was from Vevay, Indiana, just a short way downstream from Cincinnati and was Leo’s friend for over 40 years. It was Ernest who managed the Honolulu operation at the time of Walter’s Honolulu travels and who looked after Walter on these trips.

The Jablonski Heritage continues.

During his walks through Walter’s seedling beds, Leo learned to be careful praising certain seedlings that held high promise. He had learned that if he praised any one too highly, he would be unable to buy it from Walter. Leo did manage to purchase one seedling, however, and he later registered it as PINK PUFF (Jablonski-Sharp 1987). The blossom of a September 23, 1987, rebloom scape graces the AHS Daylily Journal’s front cover (Volume 43, No. 2 Summer 1988). Leo’s 2003 pre-registered BROOKWOOD DIANE SEVETSON comes out of PINK PUFF X LAVENDER STARDUST.

Editor’s note: Don’t miss the reprinted 1982 interview of Walter Jablonski by Phillip Brockington in this issue.
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Legend:

I = Instructor
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* = Garden Judges Liaison

A Reminder from our Regional Garden Judges Liaison Phyllis Cantini:

GARDEN JUDGES ARE THE VOTERS

Okay, you all saw the pictures of the beautiful winners of AHS prestige awards, i.e., the Stout, the best double, best eyed, best spider, etc. Guess what, garden judges voted them the award.

Don’t you want to have the POWER of choosing the cultivar of your choice to get these awards? You do? Then become a GARDEN JUDGE.

Easy, 2 training classes that are offered at symposiums, nationals, regionals and oh yes, by your local daylily societies. Get a Judges’ Handbook (from Jimmy Jordan) and study the sections on garden judging. The book gives you all the requirements you must meet, plus all the details involved in judging. It’s easier than it sounds as the instructors are usually very helpful in making sure you pass these classes.

I hope to see lots of our Region 2 members signed up this year!

Please contact me:

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Remember, Region 2 needs more Garden Judges!
# AHS Exhibition Judges for Region 2

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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

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## A Reminder from our Regional Exhibition Judges Liaison

EDUCATION! – one of the many, and one of the most important aspects of our organization. An AHS exhibition show is the best to “speak” to the public and show how we love our daylilies. That is education. Sometimes the hardest part of the show setup is finding judges. Getting into daylilies can get pretty deep, like becoming an exhibition judge. We all need to think about that part of our AHS membership. We need judges more and more for shows. Judges give the show that importance that the public can see, and it makes us look good.

For those of you up to the challenge of becoming a judge, there are hurdles, but very good ones for your education. There are two clinics to get through to start judging and a third clinic to keep you going.

Look into becoming an exhibition judge. Look for the sign-up for Clinics I, II, and III when you register for the regional or national meeting.

See you then! Richard Ford

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Note:
- **Status as of 12/31/2002**
- **Accreditation for 2003 is subject to payment of AHS dues by January 1, 2003.**
- **If you find any discrepancy in your record above, please contact Kevin Walek immediately.**
Curt Hanson, Chaos and Complexity (continued from page 29)
manifested throughout our universe and, surprisingly, have an elegant and remarkable consistent design. Recent studies indicate that this consistency is no coincidence, and that these patterns represent a deep pervasive order. The Belosov-Zhabblinski phenomena explains how non-equilibrium chemical reactions switch from concentric to spiral designs. Slides of the stripes of a zebra and patterns of seashells reinforced this phenomenon.

Curt went on to say that even in the seeming disorder and turbulence of chaos, patterns emerge. By measuring the irregularity one can find order called fractals, or in the case of nature, biofractals. These chaotic systems are deterministic while remaining unpredictable. Slides of these nonlinear dynamic systems included a chorus of frogs, a flock of birds in flight, leaves on the forest floor, and satellite views of the weather. These are just a few of the systems that behave in a regular, often cyclical manner until some variable triggers an avalanche of confusion causing the system to degenerate and eventually stabilize again. Patterns are also found in extinction rates and speciation. Catastrophe in the physical world is reflected in the evolutionary change of Biota (i.e. asteroids, continental drift, and ice ages). The more severe the cataclysmic event, the deeper the extinction rates become. An asteroid eliminated 96% of all the planets species 250 million years ago, while a tornado or road cut in a forest has little effect on the overall genetic content and the system quickly returns to normal. As life again evolves to recolonize the earth, the loss of genetic info means that new species are less likely to resemble their predecessors. Evolution cannot be explained by simple extrapolation upwards of competitive models of genetic information from one generation to the next. Perhaps Brian Goodwin said it best stating, “We are not looking for the meaning of life, but the meaning in life, the generation of order and pattern.”

Symbiosis is the system in which members of different species live in physical contact to one another. This contact is usually benign or beneficial. Nature abounds with these symbiotic relationships and depends on these intricate, mutually beneficial systems. New theories hint that without symbiosis, complex cellular life might never have evolved. Complex multicellular organisms are themselves hierarchical arrays of different cells gathered together to form coherent tissues and organ systems, which in turn work together as a larger integrated whole or organism. These specialized plants and animals create a chain of interactions which form an ecosystem. Curt cited examples of this stating that the human armpit is alive with over 24 million bacteria and that we could not digest our food without the complex flora in our intestines.

Furthermore, the Gaia hypothesis proposes the entire earth functions like an organism. As these ecosystems interface with the environment, complex chemical reactions occur. Had bacteria not broken down the raw elements of the earth to produce our oxygen rich atmosphere, life as we know it could not have emerged. Plants respirate the oxygen we breathe and in turn, inhale our carbon dioxide waste.

Our entire web of life is interdependent upon a “divine orchestra”. Ocean currents are stirred by solar radiation, which in turn creates weather patterns. The climate is ultimately dependent on our complex plant communities. Ocean temperatures, clouds, snow cover and polar ice caps both reflect and insulate. Thus far, earth seems unique in our galaxy. Science and technology have enabled us to look deep into space and realize both our solitude and our frailty.

Yes, there is a pattern to this chaos as we see manifested in all of nature. Mankind and his complex society follow these same rules. As stated earlier, small events can trigger cascades of change causing the current rules of life to no longer apply. Extinctions take place, and eventually new species emerge to fill the void. Complexity is the theory that all systems build towards emergent diversity or complexity, until a threshold is reached. This “edge of chaos” is where order and disorder demand a transition phase.....natures Catch 22, if you will. Our planet is a survivor, and mankind and its fellow species have had a long and glorious run. Ecological succession guarantees life will continue in one form or another.

In the words of J. Lovelock, “Somehow, after all, as the universe ebbs towards its final equilibrium in the featureless heat bath of maximum entropy, it manages to create interesting structures.” Think about it. ₪

Tips for Taking High Quality Photos and Slides

*** Try to think ahead while you are taking slides or photos. If possible, turn your camera and take some “tall” slides/photos that could be used for the 8.5 x 11-inch front cover.

*** Try to take your pictures early in the morning or later in the afternoon, avoiding too much shade and sun that is too bright.

*** Try to have daylilies in the front of your scene so we can see their blossoms.

*** At this time, do not submit images taken with a digital camera or single images from a camcorder.
Increasing Meeting Attendance

We have found a way to bolster membership attendance. It’s called “food.” In January, the Board traditionally hosts a chili bash, and usually over 50 members show even if it’s a bad day outside. In April, all the members host a salad luncheon, and we invite other garden club members to hear a special speaker. At the first of these luncheons we had 57 marvelous salads plus lots of extras.

Our worst attended meeting had always been the election and photo-contest meeting in October, but it had never been as bad as a year ago when only 20 members showed up. Our Membership Chair worked so hard on the photo contest, and it was a big disappointment to have only 2 or 3 members participate. A “Brats” party was suggested, and everyone seemed to be in favor of that idea.

It was a problem not knowing what the attendance would be, but by cooking brats for 50 it came out exactly right. We had 54 members, but a few are vegetarians and for those we had vegetarian brats. Almost all the food disappeared and it was a fun evening. One member even brought his boombox with “ump pah pah” music.

Membership Book

I don’t know if other groups have a Membership Book or not, but for the past 3 out of 4 years, we have issued one with a color cover which can be a little pricey. This year we had a contest to see if the members wanted to continue the very pretty color covers of someone’s garden or to opt for a well-designed black, with shades of grey, cover on colored stock, which can be run for 5 cents apiece versus 75 to 89 cents for the color cover. I was glad to see the black and white win. What was interesting were the number of entries. We had over 15 members participate in that contest alone.

Photo and Slides Contest

Our photo contest is for both photos (everything must be matted as it makes it look much more professional) and slides, and we had 4 categories in each section: Single Bloom, Clump, or 2 or more blooms, Landscape. Last year, regional meeting and national convention shots were added. With everything that was going on, I was busy. I had eight entries in the slides and photos contest myself, plus the book cover, and had to do the shopping and cooking for the brats and supper items. I live ten minutes away and am retired, so I was elected as chief bottle washer, but it was also the day I have my 5-1/2 hour ceramics class. It was a very hectic pace getting the 50 brats cooked in beer and to get them grilled between school and setting up the table at 6:00 PM, but everything turned out very well thanks to my sister Elizabeth’s help.

Our club members usually show slides after the election, but this year everyone came very early to eat, and we will probably show the slides at the January meeting when we have the chili bash.

January Chili Bash

Beginning the year with the chili has been an excellent way to start the year off. Each Board member cooks his or her favorite chili. One year we had 9 different types of chili, and we even had a white chili with white beans and chicken. Lately, one member brings something else such as hot dogs or barbecue beef just in case there is a non chili eater. As I mentioned before, the members seem to turn out in much greater numbers when there is food around, and most of them are very generous in sharing their cooking expertise and in donating various items.

Changing Meeting Days and Times

Our club also runs unusual dates for meetings. There were quite a few complaints from our senior members, some of whom helped organize our club over thirty years ago. We always had our meetings on the third Friday of the month, and driving during the winter months when it gets dark by 5 o’clock, was preventing some of them from attending. Night driving was a real problem for some of them, too.

We moved the meetings to Sundays during the winter months (January through April – Standard Time), and then returning to the third Fridays for May, June, and October – Central Daylight Saving Time. It was a little awkward at first because two other daylily groups have meetings on the first and third Sundays, and it was necessary for us to pick the second Sunday.

In the beginning, many folks would mix up the dates or forget. We try to have the newsletter in the members’ hands ten days to two weeks before the next meeting, but it doesn’t always work. By the second year, however, the new schedule was easier to follow.

We found that the Sunday afternoon meetings in the winter time are also good for those who are employed since they don’t have to buck the horrible Friday night traffic coming across the city after a hard day’s work. It’s not the most convenient for the family folks who want to have dinner and visit with children and grandchildren on Sundays, but for the most part it has been quite well received.

Sometimes by sharing the various suggestions between the clubs we can help one another with attendance and participation.
Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society

By Bill Johannes

MCDS continues to thrive due to the hard work of our leadership and a membership averaging around 250. Thanks to Sharon Fitzpatrick’s contacts with the media, the 2002 Flower Show drew a record crowd of more than 500. The public plant sale in August was just as successful, raising over $8100 with thousands of fans donated by many members, especially longtime member, Bob Shaver. Two guest plant auctions were held for members during the year, followed by member guest plant drawings. The annual plant sale and auctions raised sufficient money for MCDS to make generous donations to AHS Region 2 (for the newsletter), the AHS Monroe Endowment Fund, the Joe E. House Scientific Fund, and our Columbus Franklin Park Conservatory.

In early fall 2002 MCDS used its booth at Inniswood Gardens “Central Ohio Garden Festival.” Inniswood is a major garden in Columbus, Ohio. Our booth was used to promote the daylily and our society.

To end the year, about 100 members, with their families, attended the annual Holiday potluck and gift exchange in December. The event was chaired by Pat and Larry Bullen. Meetings have been well attended, with Minnesota hybridizer Carol Emmerich presenting “Following a Dream” in November and Georgia hybridizers Jan and Royce Joiner sharing the ins and outs of how they work their extensive garden (the February 2003 meeting turned out to be a repeat of the BIG SNOWS of 1950 and 1978).

MCDS is privileged to share speakers and costs with the Greater Cincinnati Daylily and Hosta Society. Guests speak in Cincinnati on Saturday and Columbus on Sunday, thanks to driver and member of both clubs, Betsy Detmer. Early in 2003, MCDS was saddened to lose charter and honorary member, Bob Terbeek.

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

MCDS 2003 Activities and Scheduled Events

April 27 ........ Spring meeting, plant auction and drawing at 2 PM Franklin Park Conservatory

July 6 .......... Annual MCDS daylily show at 1:30-5PM Franklin Park Conservatory

July 12 .......... Bus trip and picnic (Details TBD)

Aug. 16 .......... Annual MCDS plant sale (open to the public) 10AM Franklin Park Conservatory

Nov. 16 .......... Fall meeting, Kevin Vaughn speaker 2PM, Franklin Park Conservatory

Dec. 7 .......... Holiday potluck and gift exchange 6PM Franklin Park Conservatory

Indiana Daylily-Iris Society

By Shirley Toney

Shirley Toney wants everyone to know the IDIS schedule for the next few months.

May 7 Meeting 7-9:30 pm
June 3 ............... Meeting 7-9:30pm
July 5 ............... Daylily Show 8 am to 4 pm; open to public: 1-4 pm

July 6 ............... Daylily Bus Tour to Kentucky
August 5 ............. Meeting 7-9:30 pm
August 24 ............ Daylily Sale 8:30 am - 3 pm; public sale 11 am - 3 pm.

September 14 ........ Pitch-in/Plant Exchange at Easley Winery
October 25 ........... Awards Banquet/AHS board meeting at Indy Holiday Inn, Airport.

Central Michigan Daylily Society

By Tom Sevcech

We are excited about our proposed events for 2003. Some of the items are not yet set for time, etc. We have some pretty good events this year. For more information, contact Tom (see inside back cover).

MAY 18 .... Perennial auction and plant exchange at home of Jack and Sandy Wolfe.

JUNE 22 ...... Summer Social at home of Phil and Ginger Lisik.
JULY ............. Ohio Tour, Mall Show or Garden tour.
AUG 17 ........ Fall Social at home of Anne and Steve Fitak.

SEPT 6 .......... Annual plant sale.
OCT 18 .......... Regular meeting*
NOV 15 .......... Regular meeting*
DEC 20 .......... Christmas Social and meeting.

*Our regular meetings are held at the Veterans Memorial Library, 301 S. University Ave. in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. Meetings are from 10 am to 12 noon.

Fort Wayne Indiana Daylily Society

Lana Higgings reports that the daylily show will be on July 12 at the Frieman Botanical Gardens from 12 pm to 3 pm. One of the projects the club members has undertaken involves donating daylilies to Ft. Wayne for the median strips in front of the city county building. The daylily bed is between the Court house and the city county building. The Parks Department will show club members the plans for the flower bed.
The Annual SMHS Holiday Party

Diane Pruden relates that one of the unique gifts was provided by member John Kulpa (his garden was an Open Garden at this past summer’s national convention). It appeared to have been a very nicely wrapped empty box, but wait, there were several pages of paper in there! He offered a choice of a daylily from his garden — the choice was from a list of about 150 cultivars — many in the 3 digit price range! Members could “steal” a present from the person who received it, but only one “steal” was allowed! Needless to say, the person who opened the package didn’t take it home! I don’t remember who the lucky person was, but it wasn’t me. I was very pleased to receive a new variety of Poinsettia (but I was not so pleased to have it “stolen” by the Robin’s own Judy Davisson)! I did manage to hold on to another Poinsettia which was very nice. Altogether, it was a fun party.

SMHS Social Event of the Year

Lee Alden reports that the Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society gathered together Friday night for our “social” event of the year. As usual our members were well dressed and very classy. I felt better about having put on a tie. The dinner was held at Crank’s Banquet Hall (with a name like that you know the food HAS to be good — and it was.) A big buffet rivalling the buffet at the Region 2 Symposium — with the tenderest roast beef! Excellent chicken, your choice from among two large green salads, half a dozen pasta and potato salads — and the richest Au Gratin potatoes which really filled everyone up — only to be offered a grand Carrot cake to top off the meal. On the bottom of selected dessert plates were stickers for door prizes which included among others, David Kirchhoff’s MARIA CALLAS and John Rice’s ANGEL’S BRAID .

Nikki Schmith, club president, interspersed raffle drawings for a good dozen or so donated cultivars during the evening’s program. The program consisted of myself and my 130 slides of daylilies at Frog’s Leap and then quickly improved with spider and UF slides from Judy Davisson and from Gloria Hite. The Spiders and UF cultivars were much the result of the early work done by Howard Hite — who missed his first March Dinner Social in memory due to a previous engagement. Remarkable slides — showing that his work is being ably continued by Judy and Gloria. My own “wide-throat” program is an outgrowth from a single Hite seedling. Howard’s toothed CREEPY CRAWLER has yielded some very upright, waxy brilliant yellows which were included in my slides.

Sadly, that globetrotting bon vivant, LaVere Webster didn’t make it to the dinner either — it was a bit of a disappointment for us all. Especially those members who brought auxiliary lampshades to join in with LaVere’s usual revelry. Despite the absence of his irrepressible wit, we made do rather well and the occasion turned rather jolly — indeed had several raucous moments! Liza York, super talented wife of the talented Rick York, had painted a wonderful water colour of the daylily cultivar, HAL RICE, which the club gave as an honour to Hal Rice for his splendid work in bringing off the 2002 AHS convention so successfully. The painting, all matted, framed and festooned with bows, was presented to Hal amidst a standing ovation!!! Hal richly deserves such honour for last summer’s effort and all the other regionals and nationals that he has spearheaded during his long career! Thank you, Hal!!

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Jerry and Lori Vandermeer, of Dutch Mill Gardens, were in Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society

By Marcia Razor

We now have 35 members and are growing slowly. One of our member’s gardens just received AHS Display Garden status, and we are so proud of him. There are now 3 AHS Display Gardens in our little club, soon to be 4.

Richard Anderson worked very hard reconstructing his garden, moving plants, etc., (you folks know the drill) in order to gain AHS approval for it. We can’t wait until spring to see it bloom. Richard went from 2 or 3 daylilies to 400+ in a very short time.

Joe and Mary Stone have their hybridizing program well underway in their new greenhouse. Joe and Mary registered several beauties last summer. Their 2003 catalog has color pictures of their new introductions. One of those, named for Mary’s Mother, is featured on the front of the catalog. It is a beauty.

Our youth member, Brandon Farias, won 3 gold medals in Indianapolis in a Tae Kwan Do competition. He is building up his muscles to help grandmother and grandfather, Joe and Mary Stone, with their daylily operation. He is known as their Number One speed-weeder. (Photo of Farias is on Youth News, page 8)
Welcome, New Region 2 Members!

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Anita Holst’s “Little Shaw’s Garden” in Lebanon, Illinois

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